

Victoria Flight Ditches in Sea

By MIKE HUGHES
Times Staff

Sixteen people—14 passengers and two crewmen—were rescued in lifejackets at noon today after an Airwest Airlines Twin Otter was forced to land in the sea about four miles south of Victoria.

One of the 16 was reported suffering from a head injury.

The rescue mission was carried out by a National Harbour Board boat which brought the passengers and crew to Victoria.

Airwest spokesman Norman Gidd said it is not known why the plane made the forced landing. He denied the incident was a crash.

Ambulances and police were standing by and took the survivors to hospital for a check-up.

The aircraft, a turboprop designed to land on water, was on its way to Victoria from Vancouver on a regular flight.

Lt. Dick Pepper of the Canadian Forces Rescue Co-ordination Centre said the unidentified pilot radioed he was ditching.

But he did not say why and did not issue a general distress call.

U.S. Coast Guard and Navy helicopters, Coast Guard cutters and several other vessels rushed towards the scene.

All of the rescued were taken to Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital.

Exact details of the ditching were not clear but it appeared the plane was flying low because of heavy fog.

It touched the water at about 100 miles an hour.

The pontoons buckled and the plane bounced into the air, then splashed back into the water.

A Coast Guard spokesman said one of the helicopters dropped life rafts.

Pepper said passengers were seen in the water wearing life vests.

Heavy fog was reported in the area of the ditching with visibility in some spots zero. Winds and seas were light.

One of the passengers, Len Kowalewicz, a cameraman for the CTV network, said it was a "pretty frightening experience."

He said the first indication the passengers had that something was wrong was when the plane appeared to be flying too low.

One of the passengers, he said, looked at the altimeter and it read zero.

"The next thing we knew we snacked into the water,"

There were no injuries to the passengers or crew as a direct result of the ditching but the pilot, who would not give his name, received minor head cuts suffered when he bumped his head during the rescue.

One passenger said once the plane was in the water the passengers donned life jackets and some took to the water while others stood on the pontoons.

He said the people were in the water or on the pontoons for 20 to 25 minutes before the plane began to sink and about three minutes later a U.S. Navy helicopter arrived.

All passengers and one of two dogs were put aboard the chopper. Another dog drowned. Sometime during the rescue effort by the American helicopter, its rotor hit the downed aircraft and it was unable to take off.

As a result a pilot boat was sent to the scene and the 12 passengers were transferred from the chopper to the pilot boat by rubber raft.



SANTA COMES to everyone, including Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau who, along with wife Margaret, ponders contents of gift-wrapped package presented Wednesday at Liberal Christmas party in Ottawa. Santa is Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan. Box is too big for a dozen eggs but obviously not large enough for another swimming pool at 24 Sussex Drive, the Trudeau's Ottawa address.

BABY BONUS HIKE SEEN

OTTAWA (CP) — Family allowance payments are expected to be increased Jan. 1, but the amount of the increase has not yet been set, a welfare department official said Wednesday. Fitness Minister Iona Campagnolo has forecast an eight per cent increase.

No Postal Strike Over Christmas

FROM FAR-AWAY 'AUNTS'

Boy Finds 'Treasure' In a Battered Box ...

The battered box containing Christmas gifts arrived two months late.

This was February and the parcel had been one of the casualties of last year's Canadian postal strike.

The place was a home in Lesotho, built with money sent by a Montreal family.

The recipient of the parcel was one of the 15 orphaned or abandoned boys who have found sanctuary in the home. Dr. Lotta Hirschmanova was there when the star-eyed boy examined the treasures sent him by his sponsors, a women's institute in Alberta.

"Every single item that came out of that battered box was a tremendous treasure," she reports. "But the greatest thrill of all was the loving letter, written by the women's institute's secretary."

"There he was, completely lost to the world, very slowly and patiently deciphering every single word, written to him in English in the name of

his many aunts half around the globe, who have taken this lonely boy into their hearts."

The boy she watched enjoying his own special Christmas is one of many foster children in Lesotho, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Nepal and Swaziland who owe their lives to sponsors found through the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.

It costs \$180 to sponsor a child, a big sum to many in these pre-Christmas days.

But smaller amounts can help provide food for the starving and medicines for the sick in the countries USCC helps.

The Victoria Times is once again supporting the annual campaign of the USCC with this year's target set at \$30,000.

Donations will be accepted at any branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. They can also be mailed care of the Victoria Times, P.O. Box 309, Victoria, or brought in directly to the business office at 2621 Douglas.

Oil States Aim At 10-15% Hike

AUSTERITY BLASTED

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LONDON — British trade union leaders today joined a nationwide storm of criticism of the Labor government's multi-billion dollar save-the-pound economy package. They called it disappointing and asked whether the government has "lost its political nerve."

The criticisms were voiced by Len Murray, general secretary of the 10-million member Trades Union Congress, after its powerful economic committee studied the package.

It was presented to Parliament Wednesday by Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey.

"The committee was disappointed with the package," Murray said. "We were asking ourselves if the government has lost its political nerve."

The storm raised by the government's economy package hurt sterling when European money markets opened today. The U.S. dollar also weakened against continental currencies.

Oil Ship At Mercy Of Waves

BOSTON (AP) — The grounded oil tanker Argo Merchant, caught on the shoals of Nantucket Island, was at the mercy of the waves and the weather today, waiting to be towed free.

U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Richard Griggs said there was a possibility the 640-foot Liberian tanker might break up if the weather becomes severe. The ship was carrying 7.5 million gallons of heavy industrial fuel oil.

The tanker ran aground Wednesday while sailing to Salem, Mass., from Venezuela. It spilled a shallow river of heavy oil into the sea, but it was not known whether the oil was from the ship's cargo or engines.

Coast Guard Lieut. Herbert Williams said the spilling had stopped by Wednesday night but might start again if the vessel shifts. The oil was drifting northeast, away from land but heading toward the Georges Bank about 15 miles away, one of the world's richest commercial fishing grounds.

The ship ran onto the sandy Nantucket shoals in about 35 feet of water. None of the crew of 38 was injured but 20 were evacuated later by helicopter.

Griggs said the ship will have to be towed free, and "for that, we'll need good weather and a chance to unload some of her cargo onto another vessel."

MPs Line Up Freebies To Taiwan, Israel

TORONTO (CP) — Five Members of Parliament have accepted a free trip to Taiwan — whose Nationalist Chinese government Canada does not recognize — and 10 other MPs have accepted a free trip to Israel during the next few weeks, according to the Globe and Mail.

In an Ottawa dispatch the newspaper quotes Robert Smylie, whose public relations firm in Toronto organizes tours for the Nationalist Chinese government, as saying he collected five MPs for a six-day trip to Taiwan planned early in 1977.

It also says Israel is providing an eight-day trip with all expenses paid for 10 MPs, who are scheduled to arrive in Tel Aviv on Dec. 28.

Ralph Stewart, Liberal member for the Ontario riding of Cochrane, is on the list to go to Taiwan, the Globe and Mail says.

The newspaper quotes Herbert Breaux, Liberal MP for the new Brunswick riding of Gloucester, Aiden Nicholson, Liberal MP for Toronto-Trinity, James McGrath, Progressive Conservative MP for the Newfoundland riding of St. John's East and Lorne Nystrom, NDP member for the Saskatchewan riding of Yorkton-Melville, as saying they have accepted trips to Israel.

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RANSOM PAID

MUNICH (UPI) — Relatives of Richard Oetker, son of one of Europe's largest food processors and shipowners, paid \$8.77 million ransom to a group that kidnapped him, Munich police said today.

Police revealed the Oetker kidnapping only after the ransom had been paid.

Richard Oetker, 25, is one of six children of Rudolf August Oetker, head of a food processing and shipowning

empire founded by his grandfather.

The ransom money — 21 million marks — was paid in 1,000-mark notes packed in several suitcases, police said. It was handed over in the downtown area of Munich by a family member, police said.

Oetker is a student at the Weihenstephan Agriculture Institute near Munich. Police said he was kidnapped in Freising, a town near the school 22 miles north of Munich.

Close Tanker Watch Vowed

VANCOUVER (CP) — Oil-laden tankers moving into a proposed pipeline terminal at Kitimat would be under constant supervision by crews ready to clean up any spill, said a Kitimat Pipeline Ltd. submission to the National Energy Board.

Kitimat's complex emergency clean-up procedures are contained in a 12-volume submission to the board seeking approval to build a \$494 million, 750-mile pipeline from Kitimat to Edmonton.

Tankers from Alaska and the Middle East would supply the pipeline's Kitimat terminal with oil to be shipped through Alberta's pipeline system to the midwest United States.

The company submissions admit that oil spills from tankers manoeuvring through the narrow channels to the proposed Kitimat terminal could seriously damage the marine and coastal environment.

The proposed tanker route

passes close to five ecological reserves, 11 park reserves and two provincial parks.

The tankers, ranging in size from 16,000 to 320,000 deadweight tons, would have to navigate channels as narrow as 4,880 feet on their route north of the Queen Charlotte Islands, down Prince Rupert Channel and then northeast along the fjord-like Douglas Channel to Kitimat.

At Triple Island, near Prince Rupert, each tanker would pick up two pilots and

an escort tug for the 170-mile trip to the terminal.

The company's submission says a "major uncontained spill could have serious and long-term adverse effects" on the environment, but the damage would not be irreversible.

A "worst-case" spill, however, could eliminate any or all of the five species of salmon in the area in a given year as well as seriously damage herring and shellfish stocks.

Heading up clean-up opera-

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MANLEY SWEEP IN JAMAICA

KINGSTON (AP) — Jamaican voters gave a landslide endorsement to Prime Minister Michael Manley's socialist policies in an election Wednesday.

Unofficial returns early today gave Manley's People's National Party (PNP) 45 of the 60 seats in the House of Representatives and Edward Seaga's Jamaica Labor Party

(JLP) six. Nine seats were undecided, but computer projections gave a division of 48 to 12.

The PNP held 35 seats and the JLP 15 in the outgoing 53-seat house.

At a celebration Wednesday night, Manley appealed for national unity after the most violent campaign in the Commonwealth island's 14 years of independence from Britain.

NEWS BRIEFS

Raise Denied

COURTENAY (CP) — Teachers in the Comox Valley will not be receiving a raise in pay in 1977, a school district spokesman said today, because of a breakdown in arbitration proceedings.

Sword Stolen

PARIS (UPI) — Three masked burglars broke into the Louvre Museum at dawn today and stole the priceless diamond-studded sword of French King Charles X from a showcase.

Parole Denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Parole Commission has declined to give Watergate conspirator Howard Hunt a Christmas gift of freedom from prison, postponing for a month a decision on whether to grant his first bid for parole.

Protester Sick

SEATTLE (AP) — A Canadian protester against the Trident submarine base is in hospital because of the effects of a hunger strike, U.S. marshal Charles Robinson said Wednesday. Jim Douglass, of New Westminster, was put in hospital Monday.

Clergyman Killed

SALISBURY (AP) — Security chiefs of the white-minority Rhodesian government said Wednesday night a black Methodist clergyman and his wife were killed during a clash between government forces and black nationalist guerrillas.

Miki Quits

TOKYO (AP) — Premier Takeo Miki said Wednesday he will announce his resignation Friday, to take responsibility for his Liberal Democratic party's failure to win a parliamentary majority for the first time in 21 years.

WEATHER

Tonight, Friday:
Cloudy, Mild

RCMP Called in to Trace N-Agent

OTTAWA (CP) — The RCMP has been asked to identify the agent who received \$2.4 million from Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. for promoting sale of a nuclear reactor to Argentina.

Energy Minister Alastair Gillespie, saying his patience is running out after weeks of unsuccessful attempts to get the name of the agent, told

the Commons he had gone to the justice department and expected the matter would be placed in the hands of the RCMP.

Justice Minister Ron Basford said later outside the House his department had asked the police "to use their facilities to find out some information." He declined to elaborate.

AECL said the agent was hired by Italmipianti of

Genoa, Italy, a partner with the Canadian government company in the sale of the reactor. AECL never knew the name of the agent.

Gillespie said he had gone to the justice department and told them AECL was getting nowhere in attempts to find out the agent's name.

"There has been a form of written communication from Italmipianti but it is not satisfactory," Gillespie said out-

side the House.

He said he was awaiting a letter from the Italian firm providing details of the agency arrangement.

Opposition MPs disapproved the RCMP involvement in the affair.

"The appropriate way to get the information is not to charge off with the RCMP but to use diplomatic channels," James Gillies (PC—Don Valley) told reporters.

The Conservative party energy critic expressed pessimism about the RCMP's chances of making any headway, saying they would probably pass it on to Interpol, an international police organization.

Allan Lawrence (PC—Northumberland Durham) said he was disturbed that the RCMP was involved because

it indicates Gillespie has evidence of wrongdoing in the deal.

"If he has such an indication or evidence he has not given it to us in the committee as of Tuesday," Lawrence said.

"As a matter of common courtesy, he should tell us."

If Gillespie does not have any evidence of wrongdoing, then he is jumping the gun, Lawrence added.

Voters Back Democracy In Spain

FRANCE MAY DROP N-SALE

PARIS (WP) — French plans to sell controversial nuclear technology to Pakistan and Iraq are being reconsidered and are likely to be cancelled, informed French sources reported Wednesday.

President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who is reportedly impressed by the tough stand taken on nuclear proliferation by U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter during the election campaign, is also weighing a total ban on the export of nuclear reprocessing facilities, according to the sources.

Peronists Claim Blast Killing 15

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Radical Peronist guerrillas claim they planted a bomb on the third floor of a defence ministry building that killed at least 15 persons and injured 33.

Police sources said victims of the blast Wednesday included two diplomats, civilians, an army colonel, a navy captain and other military officers who were attending a lecture. It was not known if the diplomats were foreign or Argentine.

A woman telephoned The Associated Press and said the Norma Arrostito commando unit of the Montonero urban guerrillas, planted the bomb. Miss Arrostito, a leader of the radical left wing of the Peronist movement, was killed Dec. 3 when security agents raided a guerrilla hideout near Buenos Aires.

It was the worst bomb attack in Argentina since 22 policemen were killed July 2 in a police dining hall. In August, a bomb went off under a reviewing stand shortly after President Jorge Videla had left it; on Oct. 17 a bomb injured 50 persons in the movie theatre of an army club in Buenos Aires; and on Nov. 9 a bomb at a police headquarters in La Plata killed one policeman and injured 10 others.

MADRID (AP) — Spanish voters have rejected appeals from both the left and the Francoist right and overwhelmingly approved a return to parliamentary democracy after four decades of dictatorship.

With 98.4 per cent of the ballots cast in Wednesday's referendum counted the government said 72.9 per cent of the 23 million voters approved its plan to hold free parliamentary elections next year.

The election centre said 77.4 per cent of those eligible voted; 98.2 per cent of the ballots counted voted approval, 2.6 per cent were opposed, and the rest were invalid or blank abstention ballots.

The national referendum, Spain's first nation-wide vote since the death of dictator Francisco Franco 13 months ago, was peaceful and orderly. Authorities had feared ultra-rightist disturbances because radical leftists kidnapped the conservative president of the Council of State last weekend.

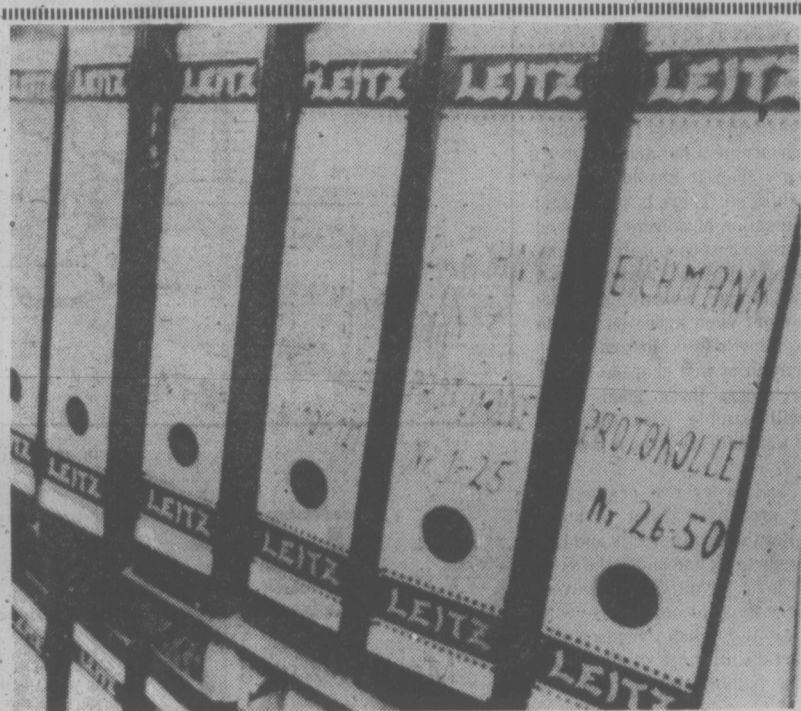
In a note Wednesday, the kidnappers threatened to kill the 63-year-old industrialist, Antonio Maria de Oriol, unless the government by midnight Friday complied with their demand for the release of 15 leftists and Basque nationalists imprisoned for terrorist crimes.

The government gave no indication that it would reverse its previous rejection of the demand and its refusal to bargain with the kidnappers. Interior ministry sources said the police believed they were closing in on their hideout in Madrid.

Both the left and right opposed the political reform program sponsored by King Juan Carlos and Premier Adolfo Suarez, a former Francoist now regarded as a moderate. The leftists urged the voters to abstain because the left did not have any voice in drawing up the reform plans and because Suarez refuses to legalize the Communist party.

Diehard Francoists campaigned on the slogan "Franco would have voted 'no.'" They fear free elections will benefit the left.

The legislation approved by the referendum was adopted by the Cortes, the conservative, one-house parliament, on Nov. 15. It abolishes the Cortes, most of whose members were appointed by Franco, and authorizes the election next year of a two-house legislature.



HUGE STORE of Nazi era documents used by West German investigators in efforts to locate war criminals include these folders containing the Eichmann protocols. They line shelves of central office for investigation of National Socialist crimes in Ludwigsburg, West Germany.

Poor Health Saves Nazis

LUDWIGSBURG, West Germany (AP) — Three decades after the Second World War, 5,000 West Germans are still subject to prosecution for Nazi atrocities. But because of poor health or a lack of witnesses, fewer than 10 per cent will ever stand trial.

Adalbert Rueckerl's Central Office for the Investigation of National Socialist Nazi

Crimes has two more years to identify war criminals who have escaped detection. On Dec. 31, 1979, the statute of limitations for wartime killings runs out.

Operating out of this south German town near Stuttgart, Rueckerl's 87-member staff uses a million-card tracing file, a huge store of Nazi-era documents and tips from the public and foreign governments to track down suspect-

ed war criminals still at large.

War crimes convictions are declining in West Germany, and the last major trial of Nazi death camp guards has been under way for more than a year in Dueseldorf.

There were 19 war crimes trials and 43 convictions in West Germany in 1970, eight trials and 11 convictions in 1975 and nine trials and 22 convictions this year.

20,000 SUICIDES?

PARIS (CP-AP) — A Canadian Jesuit priest recently expelled from Vietnam after 19 years of missionary work estimates that between 15,000 and 20,000 Vietnamese committed suicide, rather than live under Communist rule.

Rev. Andre Velinas, now in Montreal, said he believes most of the suicides took place over a three-week period after the Communists

declared a currency ultimatum in Saigon—now Ho Chi Minh City—in September, 1975.

He based his estimate on reports from hospital officials and from survivors of suicide pacts.

Vietnamese officials here declined to comment.

Western diplomatic sources in Paris said: "We have heard these reports about

harsh conditions and suicides but we cannot verify these rather startling figures."

Father Gelinas, 32, also spoke of extermination of South Vietnamese officers and anti-Communist guerrillas and elimination of the Viet Cong.

His report recently appeared as a two-part series in the Paris news magazine L'Express.

Mail Orders Probed

OTTAWA (CP) — A pileup of complaints from dissatisfied customers of mail order houses has the federal consumer affairs department looking for ways to weed out the fly-by-nighters and improve the operations of those who are merely inefficient.

A department official said thousands of complaints have been received through Box 99, the consumer complaint bureau's Ottawa address, ranging from non-receipt of the goods to stalling tactics by companies reluctant to give refunds.

"It's a problem that is constantly with us," said the official. "The problem with mail order houses is the distance between the seller and the buyer."

"You can't just trot down to the store and talk with the manager if you have a complaint."

The complaints take several forms:

—An item arrives after a customer fills out the handy coupon in an ad and sending off a cheque but it doesn't quite meet the expectations of the buyer. The customer sends it back and then gets involved in lengthy correspondence trying to get a refund.

—The merchandise doesn't arrive at all even though the cheque is cashed. The customer gets in touch with the mail order house and is told the demand was greater than expected and there will be delay. The item may be received several months later or a refund may be received, but the operator has had interest-free use of the money from thousands of would-be buyers for several months.

—The money may never be seen again and the goods don't arrive. A customer who writes for an explanation gets the letter returned because the company no longer exists.

Often the amounts are small, from \$2 to \$20, and customers get fed up trying to fight with the company through the mails. They can't phone because there is either no listed number or the cost would not make it worthwhile. Many give up and the company keeps the money.

PARKINSON'S BREAKTHROUGH?

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors say they have successfully tested a new drug that fights the crippling symptoms of Parkinson's disease, even in patients who no longer respond to the primary medicine now in use.

One woman in the test is reported to have regained the ability to talk, eat and sit up.

"This is a major development," Dr. Abraham Lieberman, who directed the testing, said in an interview. "It represents a new therapeutic approach to the disease," which afflicts about one million Americans.

He said general use of the new treatment—based on a drug called bromocriptine—is probably several years away.

Victims of Parkinson's disease suffer from tremors and muscular rigidity. If able to walk at all, they often move with slow, shuffling steps.

Doctors say the symptoms occur because the brain of persons with the disease does not produce enough of a substance called dopamine, doctors say.

A drug called L-dopa, introduced nine years ago, fights the symptoms for a few years, but eventually it stops working as the brain deteriorates, doctors say.

The new drug helps compensate for the missing dopamine after L-dopa loses its power.

An account of the testing, conducted by Lieberman and other doctors at New York University Medical School, was published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Lieberman said other work with the drug is being done by Dr. Donald Calne of the National Institutes of Health.

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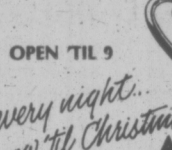
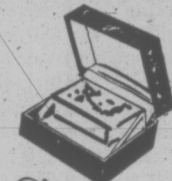
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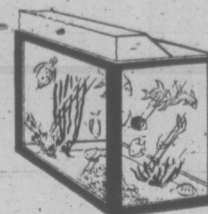
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Theatre of Greed

In the wake of the first minister's conference, the petty flotsam indicates the bloody-mindedness of this country today. An Air Canada pilot complained that Quebec Premier Rene Levesque's personal pilot used French to address air controllers at Montreal's Dorval airport on returning from the conference. The inaugural address of Quebec's national assembly was read entirely in French. Indeed, we are two-bitting ourselves to death. And this attitude was never more evident than at the recently concluded federal-provincial conference.

Rene Levesque, the minister without responsibility, says his province is being gypped out of \$100 million. The other nine premiers cash in on the same theme. Yet when Prime Minister Trudeau asked the premiers if they would like to reply individually to Levesque's sneering denunciation of Confederation, Ontario's William Davis was alone in accepting the challenge. It would appear that dollars are the only lubricant those other, rigid Anglo-Saxon jaw bones understand.

Listening to the whining and caterwauling from the premiers Canadians might think the provinces were being bilked of their very life blood. Instead they will receive \$6.3 billion this year through revenue guarantees under tax reform, medicare, hospital insurance and post-secondary education payments. Had the federal government not acceded to a new arrangement, revenue

guarantees would have been sharply reduced and the provinces would have received only \$6.2 billion. Now Ottawa has added one percentage point to the 12.5 per cent of personal income tax it currently turns over to the provinces. The central government has also agreed to pay the cash equivalent of another percentage point which adds up to \$215.6 million annually. This and other adjustments will give the provinces an extra \$460 million to finance health and education programs. New provincial taxing powers, add another \$220 million for a total of \$680 million.

If the provinces didn't get the extra \$800 million they were after it is easy to see they didn't do too badly. By 1981 they will be receiving about \$1 billion. Yet many of the premiers still can't resist using the conference for their own political ends. Our own Premier Bennett says Ottawa's stinginess will force him to cut \$60 million from the 1977 budget, resulting in hardship and loss of services for regions of B.C.

It is no secret that the Bennett administration is having a devil of a time to balance the budget without increasing taxes. Departmental budgets are being cut back, in at least one case more than 15 per cent. The federal-provincial saw-off provides a convenient scapegoat for a partisan political decision in B.C. And Saskatchewan's Allan Blakeney followed a similar course, rushing home to announce a \$40 million tax increase for higher income groups after the conference. Observers claim the

Saskatchewan increase had been in the works for several months but Blakeney needed a convenient whipping boy. Political opportunism knows few ideological bounds.

Quarrels about how the pot will be divided are merely a stage set in this theatre of greed. What the provinces really want is more power, which in turn means more money too. But the federal government has already given more away than it should to these spiteful children. There is some logic for a delineation of powers in shared fuzzy areas such as corporate and consumer affairs. But that would depend on constitutional reform, and the children can't even agree on how to bring the thing home. Most galling in the aftermath of this charade is how these premiers, these good Canadians, will gamble with the very fabric of Confederation for a few dollars more.

Each and every one of them is ready to preach restraint to union leaders. But the Bill Bennetts and Len Guys appear to be one under the skin. Different logic for different theatres. No one is willing to compromise with good grace. If English Canada hacks itself apart the ultimate villain will be greed, our individual and collective greed. Even provincial political leaders, these men who represent the parts of the whole, see no further than the parochial coffers and provincial dreams. It is not a time to re-think Confederation; it is a time to rethink our values, our economies and our country.

Laval's Accidental Example

A few days after the Quebec election a story that the city of Laval, near Montreal could not sell a \$13 million bond issue in the United States made headlines. Prior to the election the municipality had an "A" credit rating with New York investment houses. But on Dec. 2 the city was informed its bonds wouldn't sell because of "reasons beyond our control or that of the city." The message was clear — the spectre of separatism had scared off investors. It's the old story that radicalism of any kind frightens the money.

But less than two weeks later, we

read, on the business pages now, the total \$13 million bond issue has been bought up by Canadian investors, under what one of the bidders stated "the most favorable financial terms offered in Quebec during the last five months." Not only does this venture represent confidence in Quebec by other Canadians, it makes us wonder why domestic borrowers automatically turn to the U.S. money markets? Yes, Canada has high interest rates and a generally uncompetitive banking industry that makes little risk capital available to smaller entrepreneurs.

Yet if the government would bring the banks to heel, and if Canadians would try a little harder in their own backyard the country could retain much lost capital. Admittedly both are big "ifs," given our traditional supine posture in the face of our own economy and resources. But the small accidental example of Laval illustrates that Canadians don't have enough faith in themselves. In order to survive and prosper the country needs a lot more Laval. It's something to think about as we meander down the conventional paths toward a radical junction.

TOM WICKER

Jimmy Backs Down Already

NEW YORK—With all due respect to the 16 economists and businessmen who are said to have recommended it to him, U.S. president-elect Jimmy Carter may come to regret his renunciation of wage and price controls. This country's economic problems are so complex and demanding that its chief economic manager needs every weapon available.

In the first place, Carter throughout his campaign led voters to believe that he wanted congress to give him standby authority to impose wage and price controls and that he would not hesitate to do so if necessary. Repudiating that position before he is even sworn in may be aimed at building "confidence" among businessmen, but what about the confidence of people who voted for Carter? Precious few businessmen were among them.

In the second place, coupling the renunciation of even the possibility of controls over the next four years with the nomination of a conservative Georgia banker, Bert Lance, to head the vital office of management and budget must mean something. When Lance promptly said on the CBS program Face the Nation that it would be "very, very difficult" even to reach Carter's relatively modest goal of 6.5 per cent unemployment by the end of 1977, that meaning appeared to be that the attack on unemployment is going to be cautious rather than vigorous.

Prices Up and Up

Yet, these steps were taken at a time when unemployment for November, continuing the trend since July, was reported to have risen to 8.1 per cent, the highest of the year and just 4 per cent below the recession high of 8.5 per cent, in November, 1975. At roughly the same time, the third consecutive monthly increase in the consumer price index was announced, and prices were put up in steel and other basic industries.

No one knows as yet, moreover, what the OPEC nations may do about another round of price increases. If oil prices do rise, with the United States more dependent on imported Arab oil today than it was in 1973, the inflationary impact could be devastating.

Carter said he was renouncing wage and price controls because he believed the mere threat of such controls might be causing businessmen to raise prices before controls could be imposed. But the president-elect had in fact made no threat to resort to controls, taking only the fairly traditional Democratic campaign position



President-elect Jimmy Carter and outgoing president, Gerald Ford.

in favor of standby authority. In fact, with every word he has uttered since his election, he has sought to reassure business and gain its confidence.

If that didn't stop recent price increases, what makes him think that business will now be persuaded by the president-elect's renunciation of wage and price controls that prices need not be raised? More likely major industries will take his pledge as the removal of an obstacle to price increases they want to make.

Even if not, however, Carter's economic task is not just to hold down or roll back inflation and not just to reduce unemployment to acceptable levels. It is to do both—not only because he pledged to do both in his campaign but because a healthy economy demands both.

Carter has the evidence before him, moreover, that he cannot bring down unemployment satisfactorily merely by some mild and temporary form of economic stimulus. Unemployment among the young blacks — the most important component of his election victory — will not yield to such conventional steps. So any real attack on such supposedly high-priority unemployment targets will be costly indeed, and possibly threaten some degree of inflation.

The combination of current inflationary trends, the likelihood of an oil price increase sooner or later, and Carter's

clear campaign pledge to put the American people to work should have been enough to prevent the president-elect from foreclosing the possibility of wage and price controls. They are, of course, an extreme form of controlling the economy, and one no one really wants—particularly given the range of less difficult actions open to a resourceful administration.

Learned No Lesson

But controls have become necessary before, and have worked rather well to achieve their object. In 1971, Richard Nixon attained a considerable degree of success with controls, although their precipitate removal after his re-election proved disastrous. Both the Second World War and the Korean War control systems were reasonably effective.

When Carter incautiously pledged to farmers last August never, never to impose a grain embargo, he had to back down immediately and add the proviso "except in case of national emergency." The lesson of that fiasco seems not to have been learned. But of more immediate concern is the fact that the no-controls pledge looks like one more indicator of a go-slow approach that will leave the economic problems Jimmy Carter campaigned against mostly untouched.



... a gun and a Gary Gilmore doll ...

Letters

Media Ogres

Until Monday, Dec. 13, I had become convinced that a small segment of our Canadian population, a media clique in Ottawa, had grandiose plans of usurping the powers of our elected representatives. Many undeniable signs pointed towards this preposterous fact.

Probably outside of real estate the fastest growing industry in Canada has been the media. There are a hundred media members to one cabinet minister blocking the legislature stairways and jamming the hallways as they try to make an extra headline buck out of begging for an interview from one of our honorable ministers.

Any rumor had become the "in thing" as the rest of the unoccupied media exploited each juicy morsel along the media pipeline from coast to coast. Although the rumor may be denied, the damage has been done. A preponderance of hate news against our senior government seemed to have become our regular fare. Newscast after newscast out of Ottawa became more brazen. All sense of propriety seemed to have been lost as rumor-mongers flogged first one minister and then another.

As the first ministers' conference approached, confrontation between the media and government ministers increased. Retiring vice-president of the CTV, Tom Gould, encouraged this conflict when he stated: "The job of the media is to fight authority." Certain members of the press gallery appeared to be bent on destroying the credibility of itself, our government of Canada and Canadian unity. Quoting from recent remarks of Mayor Rod Sykes of Calgary: "This minuscule minority group has been cutting our country into bits."

Last weekend the tension mounted. When one or two individuals threatened to boycott the conference it became abundantly clear that a select few of very "sick" men were out to show the omnipotence of the press gallery. With much ballyhoo Godfather Charles Lynch prepared to stage the coup against the government on Monday morning.

Bright and early, hundreds of media observers surrounded the first ministers under the brilliant lights in the lists. The prime minister called the meeting to order and then politely asked the press to leave. The ringleaders refused to depart so the PM adroitly suggested that the ministers meet elsewhere. As I saw the plotters left there with egg all over their faces. I thanked God for great leaders like Trudeau. The prime minister of Canada was still in the driver's seat.

There seems to be a moral lurking behind this incident: Any ball game is only as good as its referees, and in our country life is only as good as the calibre of its media. — Howard J. Thornton, 1007-360 Douglas Street.

Moral Ethics

In reply to a letter by M.P. Paine in the Times of Dec. 1, in pursuing the quest for reality I believe that there is enclosed in Paine's statements a tinge of disdain for many of his fellow human beings. I am sure beyond a reasonable shadow of doubt that the great majority of the producing people of this world would not deny the efficacy of the profit system. I would suggest however that the same group are very much aware of the fact that the profits of the free enterprise system are being used in such a way that they make a travesty out of the said system. As an example what of the companies that use such a large part of their returns in buying properties and developing them and then claiming tax deductions for capital expenditures when the money should be used in updating their factories and equipment to meet the competition in the market place.

Too many times in my own lifetime have I labored with obsolete tools and equipment trying to meet the competition of competitors who put their wealth to a much better use than tax evasion. The statements made by my brother M.P. are true in a general sense but the solutions cannot be found in generalities. They can be found however in specifics.

The horrible truth concerning socialism as opposed to capitalism can be found in conditions where both parties have subjected their objectives to an immoral use of two valid instruments. I do

hope the people of the press do not share in common with the money-grabbers and the power seekers the belief that the dirtiest word in the English language today is the word moral. Time has not proved me right or wrong but one thing for sure it does prove that ethics alone are not enough. Moral ethics however has proven that wherever practised they have taken all who participate in their use to a better or higher standard of living, not just a material or social standard but a standard which guarantees the development of the whole human being and hopefully in time the whole civilized world. — Daniel F. Paine, 454 Fraser Street.

Swans and Seagulls

If all that was necessary was a Santa Claus, beggars would be kings (Merry Christmas, Gentlemen, Dec. 13). But in order for beggars to be kings they must prove themselves worthy of the crown. Giving someone something for nothing isn't the answer. Giving the Winnifred Clark Centre to the residents of Blanshard Court may indeed prove there is a Santa Claus, I hope not. It doesn't, however, prove that the majority of men understand or feels the need of Christmas at all. Merry Christmas, gentlemen indeed!

Whether we are poor or rich isn't the answer. What we do for ourselves is. The poor and downtrodden do have a hard time. Sometimes the rich do too, for they can be just as poor in a different way. Just as lonely in a different way. Just as poor in spirit. If a gift of the Winnifred Clark Centre is given to the residents of Blanshard Court, then let them show their maturity, indeed their gratitude to a council by trying to understand it and the men and women working on it. Let the residents of Blanshard Court and indeed Oak Bay or the Uplands realize that in very many ways they are all subject to the same needs and desires in life.

It may be hard to be a swan if you're cut out to be a seagull! — Bette Morrison, 1206-350 Douglas Street.

Divine Revelation

During the past few days several articles and letters have appeared in the Times concerning the issue of the "ordination" of women to the Catholic priesthood of the Anglican church. One of the chief arguments put forward by Mimi Robertson is Galatians 3:28. Unfortunately this is taken completely out of context: read in its entirety, this chapter can be seen to be dealing with the assurance of salvation through faith in Christ being available to all people. There is absolutely no connection with ordination. Miss Robertson's references to the female assistants named by Saint Paul are again misunderstood; no mention is made of any of these women being ordained.

It is an historical fact that major contemporary religions often included female priestesses, so that such a carry-over to the new Christian church would have been natural. But God did not reveal such. There is no biblical evidence for the ordination of women; in fact, if one understands the new testament the opposite is the case.

This is not a political matter of civil rights; it is a spiritual matter of the very nature of God himself, of human sexuality, of the priesthood, and of divine revelation. — J. B. Hosking, 1007-740 Burdett Avenue.

Nuclear Concern

The Victoria Quaker meeting would like to register its opposition to the nuclear test in the atmosphere, conducted by the government of the Peoples' Republic of China on Nov. 18.

Many thousands of persons, including the unborn, will be affected to some degree by this act. To some degree, as well, it lends encouragement to other nations to resume another round of nuclear tests above or below ground. The world is made more unsafe by this unnecessary action.

We have sent a letter to the embassy of the Peoples' Republic of China, 415 St. Andrew Street, Ottawa, K1N 5E3, informing them of our concern. We hope that other concerned world citizens will also write. Victoria Monthly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Building Regulations

I remember a few years ago seeing correspondence in the paper from Mr. G. H. Williams, a retired contractor from Ontario, warning Victorians that the regulations governing the erection of hoardings around building sites here were too lax. Sooner or later, he said, there would be a serious accident.

Well, I had some suspicions this morning (Dec. 13) about the way the wooden barrier along the sidewalk opposite my office in Fort Street was leaning over outwards. Sure enough, half an hour later, a steel girder in the demolition site behind fell and the whole barrier, 100 feet long, collapsed across the sidewalk, breaking a steel parking sign. Luckily no one was hurt. Probably there was no one on the sidewalk at the time.

This seems to be the time to raise the question: What regulations does the city have to protect the public around building sites? — Lloyd Brereton, 2622 Quadra Street.

Alkazar Thanks

On behalf of the tenants of the Alkazar Mansions on Fairfield Road, I would like to express our many thanks to the newspapers, CHECK television, radio and MLA Charles Barber for the coverage they have given us in our upsetting Christmas plight re losing our apartments.

Also to the many people who phoned me with so much sympathy and offers of help. We thank you all. — Betty Heatherington, 15-1206 Fairfield Road.

Cost-saver

In reference to your editorial Minor Liquor Changes in the Times Dec. 8, I wish to point out an error. In the editorial it is stated: "In fact, keeping stores open will save taxpayers thousands of dollars each year because liquor branch employees will no longer receive a paid holiday every time there is a vote." This is not so. What has happened on election days, be they federal, provincial or municipal, is that liquor store employees are arbitrarily given the election day as their day off for that week and not as an additional paid holiday. This then did not cost the taxpayers additional holiday pay for LAB employees but was in fact a cost-saving measure as regular store employees were not required to be replaced during the day for the regulation time off in which to vote. — H. C. Rowbotham, 1164 Sluggert Road.

On an Island

I refer to a recent Times story which placed Alert Bay on Vancouver Island. Alert Bay is on Cormorant Island, about eight miles east of Port McNeill and across Broughton Strait. A glance at a map will confirm this.

I believe journalists use Kipling's "six little serving men." One of them is "where." — J. A. McCormick, 1280 Newport Avenue.

Katherine McEwen

I am gathering information for a series of comprehensive reference books on artists and illustrators who have portrayed the American west. The first of these volumes, The Woman Artists in the American West, 1955-1970, now in preparation, will include Katherine McEwen, who lived in Victoria for about 10 years until her death at the age of 82 in 1967. I would be grateful for any information regarding her, from residents who may still remember Miss McEwen or members of the art community who know of her work. — Phil Kovinick, 4735 Don Ricardo Drive, Los Angeles, California, 90008.

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China: Grasping for the New But Stuck with Old

By DREW MIDDLETON
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PEKING — The teeming roads of China provide a visitor with what may be as clear a view of the progress of this vast society as he is likely to get in a day's talk with officials. Traffic on the roads of Manchuria and eastern China reflects a country grasping eagerly for the new but not yet far enough along to shuck off the old.

As the car leaves Peking or Nanking or Mukden, the traveller enters a less modern world, as though he was speeding backward in time toward a period before trucks and tractors.

On the outskirts of any city traffic is dominated by buses and trucks — sturdy, utilitarian vehicles built in China, with the exception of a few battered relics of the days of Soviet-Chinese friendship.

Other forms of transport appear as the road marches deeper into the countryside. Small motorized vehicles with three or four wheels haul loads of wood, coal, vegetables and, occasionally, chickens and pigs. The Chinese call the smaller of these a walking tractor because the driver walks alongside to guide it.

After the small vehicles there appears a strange team — a camel and a donkey hitched to a farm cart and moving at a stately pace. Other carts are drawn by combinations of donkeys and horses, often with a foal running loose along the road. In the cold autumn wind the drivers are bundled in heavy padded coats, the ear flaps of their fur hats sticking out at right angles. Often a driver is an old man

smoking a curved-stem pipe. Between a tractor and a horse-and-donkey troika come three men harnessed with ropes and pulling a cart. Later two men and a woman. Then a woman pushing a wheelbarrow with an indignant pig trussed above the big wheel.

No matter how far the traveller goes into the country, he finds the bicycle, for it is to China of the 1970s what the Model T Ford was to America of the 1920s.

Dodging tractors, animals and humans afoot or on bicycles is an unnerving experience, but it is relieved by the beauty of the tree-lined roads, a reminder of France except that every inch of ground up to the road is under cultivation with cotton and rice, which are raised as far north as Manchuria.

The cities have benefited too. The streets of Nanking, the capital under the Nationalists and a brutally hot place in summer, are cool and green under the plane trees.

How do the Chinese live? The visitor, naturally, is shown new housing rather than the old, though much of the old is still around.

Wu Fong-tseng perched on her bed in her apartment in a fishing commune outside Shanghai. She said it was the first home ashore that she or her family ever had; they had always slept on their fishing boat, "with one quilt, a pot for cooking and no shoes."

The family, "four workers" and a child, has two bedrooms, each with a large bed and some



One of the more modern forms of transport

simple benches, a bureau and a trunk for storage, and a rather primitive kitchen. A neon light hangs over the bed. There is a picture of Mao Tse-tung, a radio and an electric clock.

The fishing season had been good, Mrs. Wu said. The family is crabbing now, and it did well with carp and an ugly-looking fish whose name escaped the translator. It looked like a pickerel. They ate well, she said, and there is enough material for clothes.

Lu Chu-wong, a steelworker, lives in somewhat better conditions in a Shanghai housing

development. Lu and his wife and two daughters occupy a small two-room apartment and share a kitchen and a bathroom with another family. The Lu family has a combined monthly income of \$85 and pays \$2 a month for electricity, \$2.50 for cooking gas and \$4 for drinking water, or \$1 a person.

Puffing on a cigarette, Lu reckoned that food cost \$28 a month, including vegetables, meat and eggs. He and his wife have two meals a day at their factory.

While the apartment was better furnished than Mrs. Wu's in the fishing commune, there were no rugs on the icy con-

crete floor. Underneath the glass top of the table were the family's trophies — pictures of Chairman Mao and of the family posed in front of national monuments.

Pollution in the form of a heavy haze beclouds China's industrial cities. In the Peking down the green roofs of the Imperial Palace float like islands in a dirty brown sea. The junks and passenger boats on the Whampoa River in Shanghai were almost imperceptible from a fifth-floor window in the morning, and at night whistles sounded fretfully

from the river.

Despite pollution the Whampoa remains one of the most fascinating river spectacles in the world, eclipsing even the Rhine. Junks, barges, portly passenger steamers and freighters move along it night and day, and ferryboats are jammed with workers.

"Shanghai is very advanced politically," a guide said. Certainly there were more people reading wall newspapers and posters there than anywhere else. Shanghai also has the bustling, self-proclaimed importance of any great city;

alone among Chinese cities it reminds the New Yorker of New York.

Despite the cleanliness and punctuality of the trains, the deepest impact they made on one foreigner was the strident voice of an announcer providing the day's news at 4:30. For the non-Chinese speaker and, possibly, for the Chinese, radio propaganda is the foe of repose, although the Chinese, aware of what is coming, may sleep through it.

From the trains, as from a car, the visitor sees the ruder side of life. Villages sprawl in the rice and grain fields still display old-fashioned houses built around large courtyards, but frequently new five-storey housing rises beside the old villages. The rural landscape is also dotted with water towers and silos. Irrigation ditches run everywhere; from a plane approaching Shanghai on a sunny day the ditches looked like thousands of silver belts binding the land.

With many an admonition about the bad old days, the Chinese show a visitor the Great Wall, the Summer and Winter Palaces, the Ming Dynasty tombs. None of these impressed one visitor as much as the great bridge across the Yangtze at Nanking. A breathless young woman recited the statistics: 6,722 meters of railroad bridge, 4,584 meters of highway bridge running above the railroad, a capital investment of almost \$550 million (calculating on the official rate of \$1.90 to the yuan), 50,000 volunteer workers laboring on the bridge on some days.

No figures can match the impressiveness of this span flung across the great, rolling, yellow river. In comparison the Great Wall and the tombs seemed to be faint echoes of an irrelevant past.

The contemporary Chinese are an abstemious, even puritanical people, yet they retain their robust sense of humor and delight in quick-fired exchanges ending in gales of laughter. This is all done on tea.

The beer is good and a matter of local pride. An official in Mukden, filling a visitor's glass, remarked that it was much better beer than one could get in Peking; a waiter in Nanking said the beer there was better than in Shanghai.

At formal dinners, customarily described by the host as "a simple Chinese dinner," beer, wine — which tastes like a mixture of port and Madeira, and mao tai are served.

Mao tai, a colorless liquor, is customarily drunk with beer. The favorite toast for Americans is, "To the friendship of the Chinese and American peoples — gambel!" The last word means that the thimble-sized glasses are emptied and held out to show that the visitor and hosts have drunk bottoms up.

The glasses are small, but the drink has authority. One night in Peking a visitor was rereading his notes when he noticed that the floor was trembling under his feet. He recalled that his host, a general, had warned of mao tai's insinuating effect. It was not until he saw the chandelier swaying that he realized that a small earthquake, not intoxication, was to blame.

How The French Have Become a Nation of Pill-Poppers

PARIS — The French are swallowing medicines faster than they're swallowing food which, for them, is really something.

This is not a joke. According to a new — and, from several viewpoints, highly disturbing — government report, consumption of pharmaceuticals in this country has actually risen substantially faster than consumption of food and household purchases as a whole. In 1973, when the study was undertaken, the average French family spent 2.8 per cent of its income on medicinal products. Since then, the study implies, the figure has almost certainly risen to well over three per cent.

The average French man, woman and child is, therefore, consuming half again as much medicine as 15 years ago. Frenchmen of the previous generation somehow got along on one-third as many bottles and pill boxes in their bathroom cabinet — as their descendants. (For purposes of comparison, the French report estimates that Frenchmen spend eight to 10 per cent more on medicines than Americans; this would suggest that the gap

between Canadians and the French is probably slightly greater.)

The health ministry calls the situation alarming from the physiological point of view. One official even takes the extreme view that "the nation is slowly poisoning itself with pharmaceuticals, most of which are not necessary and easily do as much harm as good."

However, it is not the physiological but financial side of the phenomenon that is giving the French government a headache of such dimensions even 180 thousand tons of aspirin — the amount the French are said to down annually — cannot cure it. For the rub is that most of the medicines which are purchased here are reimbursed up to 80 per cent by the state social security system. And, largely as a result of the growing medicinal binge, the social security system is \$2 billion in the red and, for all practical purposes, bankrupt.

The charge on the state is so onerous that some economists warn of an eventual financial crisis triggered by the social security system's collapse. As it is, the system is only kept go-

ing by raising employer contributions every few months to a point where this has become a major drag on the economy; the average small business firm, for example, must now count on about 15 per cent of its turnover going to social security contributions.

Professor Sophie-Sandler, an economist who specializes in medical affairs, said there can be little doubt who the culprits are — the French medical profession, aided and abetted by the pharmaceutical industry. Doctors are prescribing too much too often for their patients and have been subtly encouraged to do so by the pharmaceutical companies, she said.

The latter's defence is twofold. French physicians are frank to confess that they frequently prescribe unnecessarily, in the strictly medical sense. But they quickly add that the placebo syndrome has become an undeniable aspect of modern life. Undeniable or not, most doctors here are clearly enough, not going to take it upon themselves to deny it.

"When I started private practice eight years ago, I was determined to assume a very firm attitude toward

By BERNARD KAPLAN
Washington Post

prescribing," a generalist in his mid-thirties said. "But the pressures soon become extremely heavy. Patients simply expect to be told to take something. They become very dissatisfied if, for example, one merely prescribes rest, more sleep or fresh air. Frankly, patients who are told that don't come back. They find another doctor who will give them pills."

"If one doesn't prescribe something to take three times a day, they feel the doctor isn't doing his job. Believe me, after a while, it is awfully difficult to resist this. So one doesn't."

The pharmaceutical companies' defend themselves with the claim that French products are among the least expensive in the Western world, substantially less costly, for example, than comparable pharmaceuticals manufactured in West Germany, Switzerland or the U.S. This argument is sometimes challenged, most notably because French pharmaceutical houses have a near-free run of the local market, thanks to government regulations which all but exclude

foreign competitors. Whether or not French medicines are less costly, a recent survey of wealthy Frenchmen revealed that of this country's 35 highest-paid company executives, seven run phar-

maceutical firms.

Socialist and Communist deputies in the National Assembly periodically attack what they call the web of "hidden relations" binding the political establishment to the pharmaceutical industry. Socialist Michel Rocard has described the links between the regime and the pharmaceutical

industry as second only to those between the former and the armaments business.

According to this theory, the whole postwar social security system has really boiled down in the last analysis to a government-encouraged campaign to turn France into a nation of hypochondriacs. Professor Sandler finds this view a lit-

tle too conspiratorial for her tastes.

But, she adds, "There is no doubt someone has made a great deal of money out of the situation. To my mind, excessive and unneeded medicine-dosing represents a more critical long-term problem than what is conventionally thought of as drug addiction."

Rock Talk

Notes from the pop-music world: Arlie Melina of Ten Cent Coffee, in London to promote Coffee's new album, took off on the British press last week for asking dumb questions about her on-again off-again relationship with Lips Luscombe. Arlie threatened to stuff cucumber sandwiches in The Daily Express's presses, then struck The Times man with her pet boa (constrictor) when he asked if Lips had split because he couldn't stand the triple taradiddle in the backup on Arlie's last single ("Toothache of My Mind") on the Hobokus label. Lips, playing it cool, turned up at the Baltimore Festival of Rock (3 killed, 28 injured, 118 mugged), playing alto electric saw for Queen's Indian Declined. Lips's agent denied he planned to undergo sex-change surgery at Johns Hopkins after the concert, or any time this month.

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The crowd in Boston wasn't exactly amused when promoter Rick (Take The Money and Run) Wisenoff announced that Hog Momma & Cornsilk would stand in for Coronary Insufficiency. The Cornsilk haven't been on the charts since Wayne Newton was a soprano and Hog Momma, with his antique 1975 snufflerock sound, wasn't what the kids had laid out \$35 a head to hear. The Insufficiency weren't kidding, however, when they wired ahead that they'd been grounded in New York. Rock authorities there were holding them for questioning on suspicion of not transporting concealed drugs.

There were plenty of nasty looks when Rock Starr pulled into Oakland last week still alive. Press-agent stories about Rock's lethal habits, failures in love and fanily rejection had whetted fan appetites for another big suicide story. Clytemnestra, the label that pressed Rock's biggest hits, was all set with heavy promo to exploit postsuicide market for



russell baker

Rock's old records, and six publishing houses had already inked contracts for "Rock Was My Secret Lover" type mortuary-exploitation books. Rumor has it that Clytemnestra will take a million-dollar bath if Rock doesn't do the fatal overdose number before Christmas.

Despite a long audition in which he was chosen as the newest hair knotted for Abraham Lincoln Velocipede, Ellwood Saskatoon didn't really feel like a member until one night a couple of months ago when he had too much to drink in a hotel room on the road and got his big toe caught in a mousetrap. "I was walking around with this mousetrap on my toe and Gregg (Apple, lead singer of the Velocipede) went around saying, 'Anyone who don't like him waying his toe in a mousetrap is gonna have to put up fists,'" recalled Saskatoon at a Houston press party. After a discussion of the Old Testament and vegetarianism, Velocipede guitarist P.P. Pystours gave the party a big laugh by overturning his table, wrestling with bystanders and running out of the restaurant. "People wonder why I still take LSD," commented P.P. as he passed the maitre d' at the door.

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We caught Eyeball's new act at Oakland last week to see if it really was as tasteless as people who saw it at Monterey claimed. At Monterey many fans were offended, as were the police, when the Eyeball ended their closing number by committing a human sacrifice on stage. Naturally, this became a cause celebre

of sorts, what with the Mayor cancelling the next day's performance and the civil liberties people replying that the Eyeball's freedom of expression was being infringed by the Mayor. Things really hit the fan when the musicians' union found out that the victim wasn't a member of the union, and the Eyeball left Monterey pretty depressed.

Well, things had ironed out when we caught the act in Oakland, and the crowd gave the Eyeball one of the biggest ovations heard on the Coast all year. It couldn't have been for the music, which wasn't quite hard rock, or soft rock, or even chimney rock. Let's face it: Eyeball still doesn't understand about blowing the audience's brains out. The sacrifice, on the other hand, was performed with great panache and theatrical style. Although several fans stated that they were offended in principle, even these had to admit the whole thing was done in very good taste.

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Dotty Van Doty, whose "Lugubrious Ballads" and "Songs from the Tombstones" led the charts in the morbid 1960s, has issued her first new album since returning from the dead.

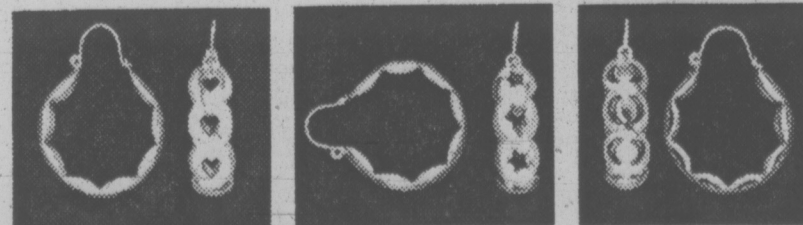
On the Fast Bucks label, it is titled "Yearning For The Grave," and features some first-rate piano work on two bands by the late, great Fats Waller. For the benefit of you kiddies, Fate was the Bob Dylan of the piano. A piano is an instrument like the guitar, except it has more strings and is not usually electrified. Dotty, fortunately, still hasn't been electrified either, and her lyrics, melodies and voice are just as depressing as we all remember them from the days before she crossed over. In a New York interview, Dotty revealed that Janis Joplin is very active on The Other Side and is studying civil engineering.



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Recession in Death Throes: Mair

British Columbians should be confident that the recession will soon end here, Consumer and Corporate Affairs minister Rafe Mair said Wednesday.

"Only a fool, in my opinion would not be bullish on the fu-

ture of British Columbia," he said.

Prosperity might not return overnight but it can not be far off, he told the monthly joint meeting of the Greater Victoria Real Estate Board and the Real Estate Salesmen's

Society of Victoria at The Empress.

He said British Columbia is fortunate in having vast energy resources at a time when energy is at a premium.

Mair was referring to the vast reserves of coal and hydro-electric power available in B.C.

In addition, he said, B.C. lives right next door to the United States, which is gradually returning to a state of prosperity.

If companies and unions exercise restraint, this recovery in B.C. would be accelerated, he said.

Mair told the real estate agents and salesmen they should prepare for a society where computers handled most of the legal and financial transactions. Recording of land sales in future years would take seconds rather than weeks.

At that future date, possibly before the end of the century, the need for bills of exchange, cheques and even cash may disappear because all trans-

actions will be by electronic transfer, he said.

(Under electronic transfer, already being tested in some cities, a customer would have his bank account debited the instant he makes a purchase in a store. Credit buying would be through overdrafts permitted by the bank rather than through the stores.)

(A person need not carry cash because his pay goes directly to the bank and is debited there with every purchase he makes.)

Mair said the real estate industry should also brace for some horrendous computer errors in the opening stages of new electronic systems.

For example, he said, one computer billed a man for zero dollars and zero cents and the company pressed him for settlement. He finally satisfied them, and the computer, by writing a cheque for zero dollars and zero cents and everyone was happy.

Mair was introduced by board president John Thomson who said the last boss of the real estate industry he had introduced in Victoria

was former NDP attorney-general Alex Macdonald, who was sharply critical of many real estate practices.

Mair quickly reassured the meeting on that score.

"Don't think I am going to duplicate Alex Macdonald's performance," he said.

He said there are no serious problems in the real estate industry but his department will be vigilant.

Mair in October had his department expanded from consumer affairs to include corporate affairs as well, and took in supervision of the real estate industry from the attorney-general's department.

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Railway Seen As Oil Shipper

SEATTLE (AP) — Special railway tanker cars, filled at an Oregon port, would carry Alaskan oil to Montana refineries under a proposal outlined Wednesday by a Burlington Northern spokesman.

Kim Forman of Seattle, public relations manager for the railway, said one plan for transporting the oil calls for unloading tankers at Port Westward, Ore., on the Columbia River.

A unit train of 20 to 25 tanker cars would haul the oil along the Columbia to the tri-cities and north to Spokane.

From there the oil would go by rail to Cut Bank, Mont., where it would be transferred to the Glacier Pipeline and shipped to refineries in Billings, Mont., Forman said.

Refineries in Montana and the Dakotas are "getting a little desperate" for crude oil because Canadian supplies are expected to stop flowing in 1982, he said.

Forman said the oil would not have to be unloaded at Port Westward. It could be transferred to the tanker cars "any place we have a track," he said. A route from Puget Sound is also being considered, he added.

Burlington Northern made the proposals to several oil companies, Forman said. He predicted the railway will have no trouble scheduling a route by 1978, when the first Alaskan oil is expected to

begin arriving on the west coast.

Forman said Burlington Northern has been experimenting with unit tanker trains for years. The tanker cars are connected by a flexible hose, which allows one loading and unloading for as many as 25 cars.

Forman said Exxon Corp. expressed the most interest in the plan. A decision on the proposal could come early in 1977, he predicted.

Beef Prices Mulled

OTTAWA (CP) — Federal and provincial agriculture ministers met behind closed doors Wednesday for talks that centred on prospects for stabilization of the beef industry and a support program for cow-calf producers.

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan said after the meeting the wide-ranging talks had produced no formal agreements but that there was a general consensus on the need for new stabilization programs.

However, several provincial ministers hinted that cabinet approval was the only step necessary before the formal announcement of federal assistance to beef producers.

"There's nothing we can say now... but there will be a major confrontation if no action is taken in the near future," one minister said.

"They know our position now—we expect some answers, some firm decisions that are not too far down the road," said William Newman, Ontario's agriculture minister.

Officials leaving the meeting were reluctant to discuss details but indicated that several new commodities may be brought under the Federal Stabilization Act.

Under the plan, producers are paid 90 per cent of the average market price for the last five years, plus production costs, in the event of a poor crop year.

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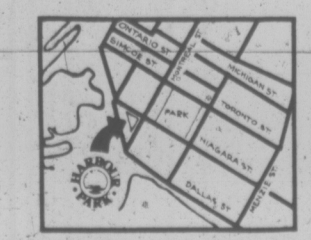
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MONTREAL (CP) — Quebec air traffic controllers will apply to break away from the Canadian Air Traffic Control Association (CATCA) before the end of the year, a spokesman for the Quebec group said today.

Noel Saloman, provisional president of a proposed Quebec controllers union, said representatives of Quebec's 330 controllers met here Wednesday to complete plans to certify a new union.

Quebec controllers currently belong to CATCA, but many also support an unofficial provincial air workers' group, the Association des Gens de l'Air du Quebec.

The Gens de l'Air have waged a battle with CATCA and the Canadian Air Line Pilots' Association over the right of francophone air workers to use French at Quebec airports.

Mr. Saloman, currently Gens de l'Air vice-president for Montreal controllers, said the Syndicat des Controleurs Aeriens du Quebec will apply to the federal public service commission for certification as a separate union.

CATCA's labor contract with the federal government expires Dec. 31, and Mr. Saloman said labor law allows the new union to file for certification in the last two months of the existing contract.

Roger Denters, Gens de l'Air president, said a recent

CATCA request that Quebec controllers help defray the costs of an association brief on bilingualism to the federal government was another case of CATCA "acting against its own members."

CATCA sent letters to its provincial wings asking them not to submit individual briefs to the federal commission studying increased use of French in air communications in Quebec. Increased use of French is favored by the Gens de l'Air but opposed by the English-dominated CATCA.

In November, Transport Minister Otto Lang said federal legislation would be introduced to allow Quebec controllers to form their own union if they could prove they were subjected to linguistic discrimination on the part of CATCA, currently sole bargaining agent for all controllers in the country.

The controllers dispute was rekindled Tuesday when an English-speaking Air Canada pilot accused the pilot of Premier Rene Levesque's official plane of illegally using French in a conversation with a controller at Montreal's Dorval airport.

Thieves Get 'Peanuts'

CHICAGO (UPI) — Thieves who stole a car containing millions of dollars in bonds from O'Hare International Airport Wednesday night stripped the vehicle to its frame but left the bonds in the trunk.

"They got the peanuts and missed all the bread," said Sgt. Phil Roda of area five general assignments. He said police located the car parked on a city street. "Everything was taken off, the wheels and

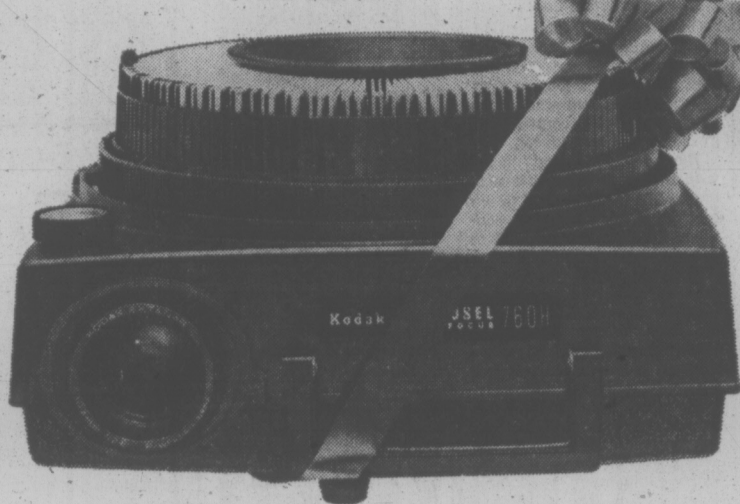
the tires and everything. It won't roll but the case (containing the securities) was intact." Roda said it was believed all the missing bonds and securities were inside the attaché case.

The exact value of the bonds and securities was not immediately known, but estimates ran as high as \$8 million and police said at least some of the bonds and securities... possibly millions of

dollars worth — were negotiable. The car was stolen from an airport parking lot while a courier for Bradford National Clearing house of New York made a 10-minute stop at the airport's air mail facility.

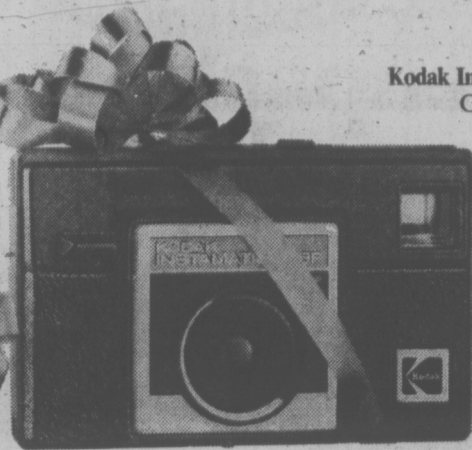
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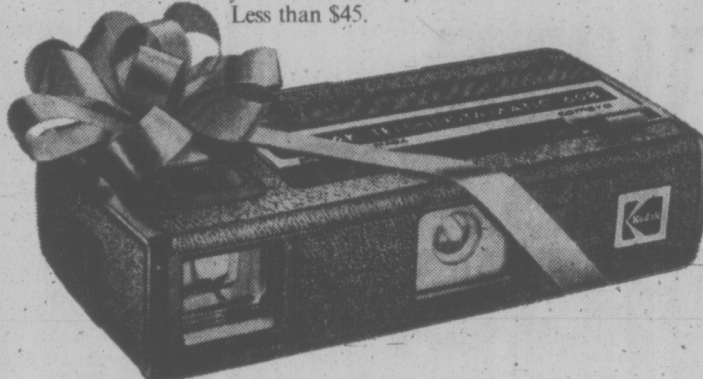
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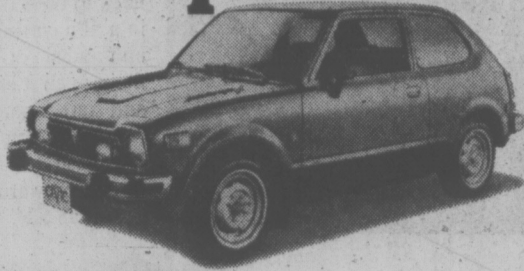
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Victoria Labor Council delegates Wednesday night were given an outline of the next step in the Canadian Labor Congress' fight against federal wage guidelines.

Council secretary Larry Ryan read a letter from the CLC urging provincial federations of labor and labor councils to pressure provincial governments not to renew their co-operation with the federal program next year.

Despite objections from some delegates that immediate action is called for, the letter was simply filed pending further direction from the B.C. Federation of Labor.

One delegate pointed out that Premier Bill Bennett and the other provincial premiers said this week in Ottawa that they favor continuing the wage and price control program beyond next March.

The delegate said faced with such a decision it is necessary for labor groups to act quickly if they hope to convince the B.C. government to opt out of the program.

However, Jack Groves, a delegate from the International Woodworkers of America, said action should be taken through the B.C. Federation of Labor in order to get a co-ordinated approach.

"The CLC letter asks labor federations to approach their premiers and demand that the provinces not renew the control agreement.

It also suggests that labor councils co-operate by sending briefs and petitions to the

provincial government as well as to municipal governments asking them to lobby the provincial governments.

In other business, delegates agreed to do what they can to stop the construction of two missile loading cranes in the Vancouver area for use at the Trident submarine base in Bangor, Wash.

Heede International Ltd. of Port Moody has a contract to build the cranes.

Acting on a plea from a group called the Pacific Life Community, the council agreed to ask Jen-Pierre Goyer, federal minister of supply and services, to prevent the contract being filled.

Delegates also agreed to petition the federal government not to grant an export permit for the cranes and to pressure members of the Bolshakovich Union not to work on the project.

School Approved

VANCOUVER (CP) — The senate of the University of B.C. has given its approval to the controversial proposal to double the size of the UBC medical school. The proposal now goes to a planning committee.

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Another Red Dye Shot Down

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two researchers told the U.S. Food and Drug Administration today there is "unequivocal evidence" that the last widely used red food dye still allowed in food supply of the U.S. causes cancer in test animals.

Subject of the attack is red No. 40, which has

mushroomed into U.S.'s second most widely used food coloring, now that the FDA has banned red No. 2 and red No. 4 because of unanswered safety questions.

Dr. Michael Jacobson of the centre for science in the public interest, representing himself and Dr. Samuel Epstein of the University of Illinois Medical Center, said, "There seems to be no reasonable basis on which to allow the continued exposure of the American public to the dye."

He appeared at the opening session of a study group consisting of experts from the FDA, the National Cancer Institute and the National Center for Toxicological research which will make recommendations to the FDA after looking at the evidence.

The question represents a problem for industry because the dye is the only remaining legal red color which will "take" in liquid foods — ice cream, soft drinks and like. There is one other color, red 3, but its use is restricted largely to hard candy.

Red 2 was the country's most widely used food coloring when it was banned in February. Later this year the FDA banned red 4 from its only food use, to color marachino cherries.

FDA officials said the gap has been filled by red 40 which went from about 800,000 pounds of production in 1972, the year it was first approved, to close to two million pounds during the last four quarters—becoming the U.S.'s second most widely used coloring.

"The unequivocal evidence of carcinogenicity serves to compound still further our previous concerns about the toxicology of red 40," Jacobson said.

FDA researchers at the meeting discussed rat and mouse studies conducted by the manufacturer, Allied Chemical Co., which showed malignant tumors in mice fed the dye occurring at an earlier time than would have been expected.

CONVENTION TRADE DROPS

WINNIPEG (CP) — Winnipeg is discovering its \$22-million convention centre is not producing the boom that many expected in convention business.

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Gilmore Makes Second Suicide Bid

Times News Services
SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Gary Gilmore attempted suicide in his Utah state prison cell again today, one day after a judge set his execution for Jan. 17.

Deputy Warden Owen Hatch said the 36-year-old condemned killer "attempted suicide." He was found unconscious in his cell about 9:20 a.m. and was admitted to the University of Utah hospital in Salt Lake City about an hour later.

A hospital spokesman said Gilmore appeared to be suffering from an overdose of

drugs and was in critical condition.

Earlier, Gilmore said it was cruel punishment to make him wait 32 days for a Jan. 17 date with the firing squad.

"Tell them to give me liberty or give me death," Gilmore told his lawyers Wednesday shortly after District Court Judge J. Robert Bullock set the new execution date over his protests.

As Gilmore was led handcuffed and shackled from the crowded Provo courtroom, a reporter asked whether he had a message for Nicole Barrett, his 20-year-old girl-

friend. She was confined to a mental hospital after she and Gilmore took sleeping pills in an earlier abortive suicide act.

"I love her more than life itself," Gilmore replied.

In the courtroom, he told Bullock: "Monday is what I want. I would like to see my mom, possibly see Nicole and my relatives."

When Bullock refused, Gilmore told him: "You simply don't have the guts. You're a moral coward. You have put me through cruel punishment."

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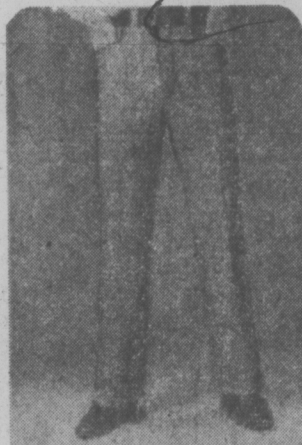
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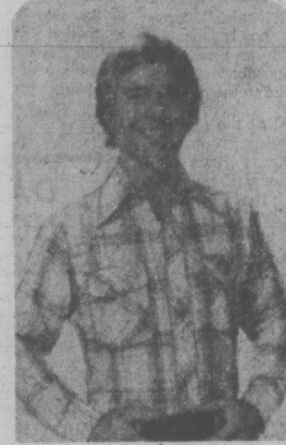
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50 More Beds Okayed For Helmcken Hospital

By DON VIPOND
Times Staff

Health Minister Bob McClelland has agreed to boost the size of the new hospital to be built on Helmcken Road from 250 to 300 beds, the Hospital and Health Planning Commission learned Wednesday night.

But it will be done at the expense of Victoria General Hospital, which the new hospital is being built largely to replace.

The 430-bed Victoria General, much of it obsolete, was to have been scaled down to 219 beds when the new hospital went up. Now it will be trimmed further, to 169 beds, McClelland said.

Last spring the health min-

ister not only over-ruled regional planners' choice for the new hospital site, he said it would initially have 250 beds instead of the 300 to 350 the planners favored.

His change of heart comes after a letter from the region's hospital consultant, Dr. Peter Hart of Agnew, Peckham and Associates, who said the division of beds was not a realistic one when it came to delivering good health care.

The new hospital is not only to have Victoria General's emergency department but it is to be the regional obstetrical centre, with 66 beds devoted to that service.

In a letter to the commission, McClelland said he understands these problems and agrees to what is in effect

a transfer of beds, not an increase in the number.

The commission agreed that the consultant's report does not make clear whether he thinks 300 beds in the new hospital will be enough. The matter was referred back to him for further comment.

Meanwhile at an afternoon meeting, the Capital Region Board narrowly avoided a procedural roadblock on the controversial issue of the hospital site.

An amendment to View Royal's community plan, required to approve the Helmcken site, was adopted, but not until all three Saanich directors had spoken against it and Oak Bay director Shirley Dowell indicated she almost did.

The amending bylaw required a two-thirds majority to pass and Dowell's negative vote along with Saanich would have been enough to defeat it and force a provincial cabinet order to approve the site.

The 34-acre Helmcken property, which lies just north of the Trans-Canada Highway in View Royal and cost \$525,000, was favored by a minority of regional directors in the vicinity. The majority and the region's planning staff favored a 25-acre site at Douglas and McKenzie, which would have cost \$1.75 million, but McClelland over-ruled that choice this week for the second time, partly on the matter of cost but also arguing the western sector must have health services too.

Directors Ed Lum, Fred Severson and Sandy Noel opposed the bylaw because they see Saanich facing more than \$1 million in future servicing costs to meet needs of the hospital near their boundary and so far the province has offered no help.

Lum said the Helmcken site is wrong because the western sector will need its own hospital eventually, Noel described McClelland's decisions as "bullying tactics."

Board chairman Jim Campbell said the Helmcken choice is a "dead issue" as far as he is concerned and the region's "slap in the face" came from McClelland last spring when the minister first said where the new hospital would go.

Addition Ready For Bids

Regional hospital planners were told Wednesday night that all documents needed before calling tenders on a 75-bed addition to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital have been sitting on Health Minister Bob McClelland's desk for a month.

The new wing expected to cost about \$5 million, has been in the planning stage two years. The first stage of the hospital on Mount Newton Crossroad in Central Saanich opened almost three years ago and has 75 beds for the long-term care of mostly elderly patients.

The Hospital and Health Planning Commission was told by member Jim Cumming that calling of bids only awaits McClelland's approval. The new wing is expected to open early in 1978 and will eventually replace Resthaven Hospital in Sidney.

Doug Watts, acting commission chairman, said that given the way senior governments operate, a month's delay isn't too bad.

The other major addition to the region's hospital beds at Glenagary extended care hospital is still in the planning stage. It will see 150 beds added for long-term patients, with construction probably starting next year.

The commission was told there are 89 patients in Victoria's two general hospitals occupying but not needing acute care beds, stuck there because there is no place for them to go.

Play Ball, Campbell Tells Feds

Federal environment department officials will have to learn to play ball with local politicians if they want a marine technology centre at Patricia Bay, says Capital Regional Board chairman Jim Campbell.

Campbell said officials have been arrogant and some became "rather abusive" in their dealings with regional officials.

Plans call for the centre to be built adjacent to the \$20.4 million Institute of Ocean Sciences across West Saanich Road.

Earlier this week, the institute's deputy director, Dr. Bill English, said opposition from the regional and municipal level is holding up the project, which could provide a much-needed boost to tax rolls and create jobs.

But Campbell said environment officials have refused to apply for a regional plan amendment to take the 40 acres out of the Agricultural Land Reserve.

"They flatly refused to do this," he said. "They have to learn to clear their intentions with local authorities. All I'm saying is the bloody federal government is they have a responsibility to recognize local governments."

He said he had made that point clear to former environment minister Jeanne Sauvé when application was made to hook up the institute to the Sidney sewer system.

"When the application was made to enlarge the sewer system at Sidney to accommodate the institute I made sure they wouldn't be unilaterally planning an industrial development in that area," he said.

Campbell said environment officials have insisted they do not have to go through the normal routes.

"They (government officials) are citizens... and they should act like citizens," he observed.

Priority Flu Shot List Set

The provincial government has established a new priority list on who will be offered available shots of flu vaccine, Dr. Allan Arneil regional health officer, said Wednesday.

But with only about 4,000 doses of the vaccine left locally, Arneil added he has no idea when another 15,000 promised the Capital district will arrive.

The new priority list has doctors and nurses at the top, followed by hospital staff, ambulance staff, people working in community care facilities such as rest homes, police and prison guards, firemen, B.C. Hydro employees and B.C. Telephone staff.

The province earlier ruled that people 65 and over and those 18 to 64 with chronic health problems which would be aggravated by catching the flu had first call on the vaccine.

A second series of local clinics is currently under way to immunize those wanting it in this group and Arneil said about one-third of the regional population qualifying have now had flu shots.

The vaccine is bivalent, meaning it protects against the Victoria strain as well as Swine flu.



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS was the order of the day Wednesday when destroyers HMCS Mackenzie, HMCS Yukon and HMCS Qu'Appelle returned from a training cruise in Hawaiian waters. Here, LS

Terry Tanner is greeted by his wife, smiling son Jason and daughter Danielle. Relaxed regulations allow Tanner and his shipmates to doff uniforms for "civies" to come ashore. (John McKay photo)

Library-Arts Centre Proposal Seeking Support from Councils

Greater Victoria municipal councils are being asked to consider financing support for a new central library combined with a performing arts centre in downtown Victoria, members of the Greater Victoria Library Board chairman confirmed today.

Chairman G.R. Hutcheson said the board, at a closed meeting earlier this week, decided to enlist municipal support for the proposal presented by the library building committee.

But he stressed that the whole matter is highly tentative, and dismissed as speculation a news report that taxpayer approval for the venture might be sought in a referendum next November.

Hutcheson said he has no idea where the reported cost estimate for the project — in excess of \$10 million — had originated. No figures have been discussed at the board meetings, he added.

Another board member, Saanich Ald. David Paterson, also expressed doubt that the present preliminary concept



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could be processed and refined toward a referendum next November. "I'd be surprised if it did jell that fast," he said.

Paterson and Oak Bay representative Ald. Shirley Do-

well both said they are convinced that a new central library is badly needed, and that there are sound arguments in favor of combining it with a performing arts centre.

Dowell cited the Oak Bay recreation centre as an obvious example of the cost savings possible through combining two or more activities under the same roof.

She said she also believes that taxpayers would be more likely to support a combined facility than a new library alone, and that the dual-use principle would be better applied to a library-arts centre than a library-convention centre.

She noted one of the economic advantages would be that the arts aspect of the operation would be eligible for grants not available for library use, and vice versa.

Paterson said it was incorrect to portray the library itself as the "driving force" behind the move to build a combined facility. He suspects library director Donald Miller

would rather have simply a new library.

Furthermore, the time factor in planning and preparatory work could be critical, he pointed out.

The mooted arts centre would probably need about 2,500 seats, "which is getting very expensive," said Paterson. A delay of several years in sorting out financial problems would not be acceptable from the library's viewpoint, because "we desperately need a new library."

LOCAL SHIP MOVEMENTS

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Cimsell in refit, Quadra on Station Papa; Douglas, Racer and Vancouver in port; Ready in Sand Heads patrol area, Rider at Kitsilano.

NAVY

Terra Nova at sea, returning 8 a.m. Dec. 23; all other ships in port.

Bus Passes Continue For UVic

The experimental University of Victoria student bus pass system will be extended for the spring term.

Phil Esmond, program coordinator, said B.C. Hydro and UVic are pleased with the system which operated over the fall term.

The pass will be good for the 13 weeks from Jan. 10 to April 9.

Cost will be \$37 for those renewing their pass, and \$39 for new purchasers. (The extra \$2 reflects the picture identification and administrative costs).

Esmond said 964 students purchased passes in September, and a survey of users showed about 100 students bought passes, who would have ordinarily used their cars.

Passes may be purchased in the club rooms (across from the theatre) in the Student Union Building from Jan. 10 to Jan. 14.

Because a camera crew is available only on three of the days, new passes will be sold only on Jan. 11, 13 and 14. Renewals may be purchased on any of the five days.

Smashing Present

A picky smash-and-grab artist Christmas shopped with a rock late Wednesday.

Police said after heaving a rock through the window of Morgan Agencies, 841 Fort, the thief took a \$125 rose quartz necklace.

Proprietor Lionel Tashjian said it appears the thief had specifically picked out the necklace, probably for a Christmas present.

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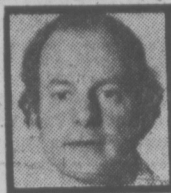
Thought they might be. And last Saturday's 14-4 win helped dispel any doubts that might have been lingering.

Right now, Vancouver Island is the nation's hotbed of rugby, all right. But how would the Island's rep squad — the Crimson Tide — fare against a full Canadian team that would include the cream from clubs here, I wonder?

Well, if you wonder, too, be at Royal Athletic Park next May 15 and you'll get the answer to that, for now, and still as part of the Island Rugby Union's Centennial celebrations, the Tide is to tackle Canada.

On that day, players like Tide captain Ken Wilke, fellow forwards Hans de Goede and Ray Rogers and backs like centre Stu Barber and fullback Jim Wenman will be part of the "opposition."

They, and a few others from the Island are all part of Canada's national squad and the lineup could be a pretty formidable one for the Tide to face.



RUGBY max low

But Island Rugby Union President Alan Rees says it should make for a great match.

"It will challenge our depth here on the Island," says Rees. "And I think we've got the depth. We can still field a very strong side even without these players."

And that won't be the last of the big games for Tide players and Island fans before the Centennial season ends.

On Victoria Day, May 23, Cardiff will play the Tide in Victoria during a six-game tour of North America. The Welsh club is making as part of its own Centennial celebrations. The strong Welsh side will play three games in B.C., one in Alberta and two in the state of Washington.

For players from both the University of Victoria and the University of British Columbia, there will be a chance to represent a Combined Universities side to play an England Under-23 team in Victoria on May 28. And the last of the big events will be the Centennial Sevens, a seven-a-side tournament here on the first weekend in April.

The night before the Tide-Rest of Canada match, the Island Union honored 20 of the

sport's old timers who had given a lot to rugby here before the 1950s including Times Sports Editor Doug Peden and Times photographer Bill Hallett both of whom were leading players in the 1930s.

Others honored were barley humber, Bob Travis, Campbell Sanson and Russell Ker (1920s); Reg Enman (1920s and 30s); Campbell Forbes (1920s, 30s and 40s); Bob Tye, Ron McConnan, Harry Barber, Ted Colgate and Kurl Symons (1930s); Alex McDonald and Bruce McLean (1940s); Colin Blythe, Frank Gower and Derek Hyde-Lay (1940s and 50s); and Harry Turner and Ray Calton (1950s).

Two other old timers who were to be honored but couldn't make it to the dinner were Errol Gillespie (1916 to 1920) and Bill Cornell (1930s).

It was the nostalgia event of the year. Rees and rugby historian Don Burgess were in fine form and the tales flowed like the inevitable beer. One of two of the younger Rest of Canada team players could be excused if they dozed off, but one thing is certain... those old timers really enjoyed themselves, anyway!

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"Good King Wen-cies-las looked out...on the feast of Steeeephens..."

Shawnigan Comes Close

SHAWNIGAN LAKE

Shawnigan Lake Boy's School put up a stiff fight before bowing 10-6 to Hurstpierpoint College of Sussex in an international high school boys' rugby exhibition match here Wednesday.

The English side, with three wins on a six-match tour of B.C., scored all its points in the first half and then held off a determined bid by the host club following the break.

Peter Gann and Robert Napper scored tries for Hurst-

pierpoint and Niel Chapman kicked a conversion.

Alec Harrison took care of all Shawnigan's scoring with a try and a conversion.

It was the second time Shawnigan suffered a loss at the hands of Hurstpierpoint, which topped Shawnigan 6-0 when the Island squad toured Britain in 1974.

Hurstpierpoint now travels to the Mainland for three matches against Vancouver-area clubs before returning home Dec. 23.

Chemainus Wins

DUNCAN — Chemainus tripped Cowichan 54-39 in an exhibition high school girls' basketball game here Wednesday.



LaFleur Scores Four

Chemainus Blues nipped Juan de Fuca Merchants 9-7 Wednesday in a South Island Big Six Hockey League game before 240 fans at Juan de Fuca Arena.

The win moved Blues into sole possession of third place, two points behind runner-up Western Homes Buckaroos.

Doug LaFleur sparked Chemainus with four goals while singles were contributed by John Nicoletti, Larry Myers, Bob Wilson, Greg Gow and Les Closson.

Brad Girling and Darrell Eli scored two goals each for Merchants and singles were added by Dale McLachlan, Dave Archibald and Brian Carbery.

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Basketball Tournaments Combined

Two far-away teams will be competing in the combined Christmas Classic—Bob Whyte Memorial basketball tournament starting Saturday at the University of Victoria's McKinnon Building.

University of Winnipeg Wesmen will compete in the four-team senior men's Christmas Classic while Henry Ainley of Edmonton has entered the eight-team high school boys' Bob Whyte tourney.

Other teams entered in the senior event are University of British Columbia Thunderbirds, UVic Vikings and Victoria Scorpions.

Belmont Braves, Esquimalt Dockers, Nanaimo Islanders, Claremont Spartans, Alberni Victoria Titans and Queen Elizabeth of Surrey round out the high school lineup.

Action starts Saturday at 10 a.m. and resumes at 11 a.m. Sunday with the high school final scheduled for 7 p.m. and the senior final slated for 9.

Opening schedule:

SATURDAY, DEC. 18
10 a.m. — Belmont vs. Henry Ainley
11 a.m. — Esquimalt vs. Nanaimo
2 p.m. — Claremont vs. Alberni
3 p.m. — Victoria High vs. Queen Elizabeth
6:30 p.m. — Victoria Scorpions vs. UVic
8:30 p.m. — Vikings vs. Winnipeg

SUNDAY, DEC. 19
11 a.m. — Loser game 1 vs. loser game 2 (old gym)
11 a.m. — Winner game 1 vs. winner game 2
1 p.m. — Loser game 3 vs. Loser game 4 (old gym)
1 p.m. — Winner game 3 vs. winner game 4
3 p.m. — Loser game 5 vs. loser game 6 (university consolidation)
3 p.m. — Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6 (high school consolation)
7 p.m. — Winner game 8 vs. winner game 10 (high school championship)
9 p.m. — Winner game 5 vs. winner game 6 (university championship)

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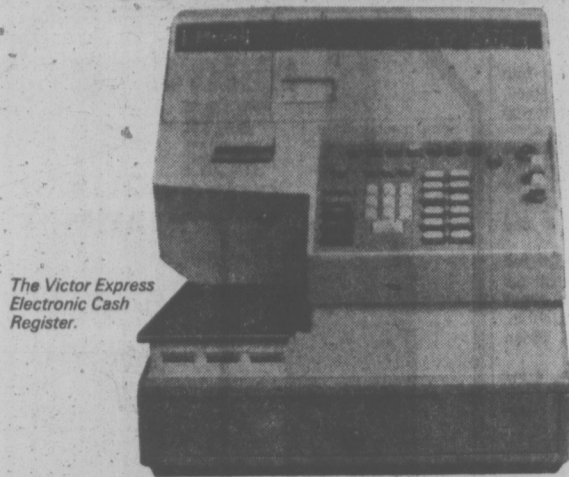
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SATURDAY 10 A.M.

DIVISION 8 NORTH: G. H. Canino Royals vs. Gorge Canadians; Horner Pk.; L. H. Peter Pollen vs. Evening Opts; Reynolds Sch.; Prospect Lake Strikers vs. Bays United McLaren Elec.; Cooley Pk.

DIVISION 8 EAST: J. de F. Home Lumber vs. Bays United Maynards; Glen Lake Sch.; G. H. Capon Jewellers vs. Evening Opts Mustangs; Majestic Pk.; Gorge Buccaneers vs. Cordova Bay Collis.

DIVISION 8 WEST: Lake Hill Kickers vs. Bays United Greens; Braefoot Pk.; Gorge F.C. vs. J. de F. Oak Pk.; Moley Hampton Pk.; G. H. Vic. Athletic Assn. vs. Peninsula Bobcats; Lambrick No. 1; Exh. Prospect Lake Toros vs. Peninsula Dolphins; Layritz No. 1.

DIVISION 9 NORTH: G. H. Lums Greenhouses vs. Gordon Head R.C.A.F.; Lambrick No. 4; L. H. Cedar Hill Esso vs. Prospect Lake United; Braefoot Sch. Upper; Juan de Fuca vs. Peninsula Hornets; Sangster Sch.

DIVISION 9 EAST: Cordova Bay United vs. Juan de Fuca Tigers; Ochode Pk.; Gorge Canadians vs. Evening Opts Pintos; Rudd Pk.; Bays United Maynards vs. Prospect Lake Catliss; Maynards Pk.

DIVISION 9 SOUTH: Sooke vs. Gorge F.C.; Ed Milne Sch.; Bays United Tigers vs. Bver; L.H.R.M. Good Gums vs. G. H. Chew Excavating; Reynolds Pk.

11 A.M.

DIVISION 6A: G. H. Smith Bros. Ford vs. Ev. Opt. Rovers; Lambrick 11; L. H. Radicon vs. Gorge F.C.; Braefoot Pk.; P.L. Lovers vs. J.D.F. Van Isle Mids; Cooley Pk.

DIVISION 6B: B.U. Vic. Kiwanis vs. L.H. Cablevision; Uplands East; Ev. Opt. Chimos vs. Peninsula Pumas; Lansdowne Jr.; Cowichan Rd. Park; Peninsula Mustangs vs. B.U. Falcons; Sherman Rd. Park; Salt Spring; Lions vs. P.L. Raiders; Fulford Park; C.B. Bruins vs. Cowichan Noode; Lochside Park; Peninsula Mustangs vs. B.U. Falcons.

DIVISION 7A: P.L. Risers vs. C.B. Tigers; Layritz 11; H. Jadresco vs. Cowichan Horspurs; Reynolds Park; Gorge F.C. vs. P.L. Dynamos; Hamilton Park.

DIVISION 7B: L.H. Bullfrogs vs. G.H. A.N.M. Vets; Lake Hill Elem.; G.H. Cosmos vs. Gorge Buccaneers; Majestic Park; Peninsula Cougars vs. Ev. Opt. Tigers; North Saanich School.

DIVISION 7C: B.U. Titans vs. B.U. Oceanic Const.; Pemberton Pk.; Gorge Royals vs. B.U. Travel World; Bullen Park.

DIVISION 7D: J. de F. Langford Bldg. vs. Ev. Opt. Bombers; Dunsmuir Sch.; Cowichan Jim Sports vs. Peninsula Thunderbirds; Sherman Pk.; Belmont Coll.; Edward Milne School.

DIVISION 4A: Gorge F.C. vs. Rid. lay Bros.; Hampton; Gorge Canadians vs. Even Opts Cobras; Colquitz; Gordon Head Cosmos vs. Senmark Dunca; Lambrick 7; Salt Spring Rotary vs. Lakehill Gullagher; Fulford.

DIVISION 4B: Gordon Head Imperial Bldg. vs. Trion Duncan; Lochside Pk.; Gorge Canadians vs. Lakehill Suburban; Windsor; Gorge United vs. Peninsula Falcons; Hyacinth.

DIVISION 4C: Gordon Head Teamsters vs. Cordova Bay Cougars; Hillcrest; Prospect Lake Holsports vs. Sooke Mustangs; Cooley; Langford Bldg. Supply vs. Bays United; David Cameron Sch.; Cowichan Bldg. O vs. Evening Opts Pats; Henderson East; Cowichan Royal Bank vs. Peninsula Jits; Sherman Rd.

DIVISION 5A: Even Opts Blues vs. Cordova Bay Hawks; Lansdowne; Duncan Gynot vs. Bays United Oak Bay Kiwanis; Sherman Rd.; Columbia Ready Mix vs. Gorge F.C.; Royal Roads; Exhibition 5A, 5B; Gordon Head Eagles vs. Prospect Lake Rangers; Majestic.

DIVISION 5C: Hospital Union 180 vs. Lakehill McKenzie Esso; Glen Lake; Peninsula Flyers vs. Gorge Royals; Centralia; Gorge Bucs vs. Gordon Head Saunders Hitchman; Bullen.

DIVISION 5D: Cowichan Dee's vs. Lakehill Buckle Elec.; Sherman Rd.; Sooke Checkers vs. Prospect Lake Northridge; Sooke Elem.; Even Opts Hawks vs. Gordon Head Machinists; Lansdowne.

SUNDAY 11 A.M.
DIVISION 1A: Lakehill Rodgers Plumbing and Hlp.; Reynolds; Juan de Fuca vs. Gorge Canadians; Juan de Fuca Park; Gorge F.C. vs. Bays United Oak Bay Kiwanis; Hampton.

DIVISION 1B: Gordon Head Cosmos vs. Cowichan Invaders; Lambrick; Cordova Bay Royals vs. Even Opts Santos; Lochside.

DIVISION 1C: Duncan Butler Large vs. Salt Spring; Sherman; Bays United Royal Trust vs. Prospect Lake Vampires; Henderson West.

DIVISION 2A: Legion 91 vs. Lakehill Totem Towing; Belmont Fishery; Even Opts Olympics vs. Gorge F.C.; Lansdowne; Gordon Head Cosmos vs. Duncan United; Lambrick.

DIVISION 3A: Gorge F.C. vs. Even Opts Royals; Hyacinth.

Lakehill Gilliespie Elec. vs. Gordon Head Pk.; Land; Reynolds; Gorge Royals vs. Bays United; Colquitz; DIVISION 1 B, and C. (Exhibition); Gordon Head CVision vs. Cordova Bay Chiefs; Lambrick.

12:30 P.M.
DIVISION 2B: Gordon Head Acme Paint vs. Cordova Bay Spartans; Lambrick; Prospect Lake Leos vs. Bays United; Hyacinth; Cooley.

DIVISION 2C: Even Opts Raiders vs. Juan de Fuca; Carharvon; Gorge Canadians vs. Bays United; Hampton; Lakehill Longhorns vs. Peninsula Tigers; Braefoot.

DIVISION 3B: Peninsula Vikings vs. Duncan Dynamos; Airport; Even Opts Blues vs. Duncan Domans; Lansdowne.

EXHIBITION 3C, 3B: Gordon Head Shell vs. Legion 91; Lambrick; Gorge Bucs; Lochside; Prospect Lake Cubs vs. Goldstream Chev.; Layritz; Sooke vs. Even Opts Skyhawks; Ed Milne Sch.

DIVISION 3D: Gorge United vs. Peninsula Hawks; Hyacinth; Lakehill Mercury Marine vs. Gordon Head Century Inn; Reynolds; Bays United Whites vs. Juan de Fuca; Uplands.

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Banks Heads List

NEW YORK (AP) — Ernie Banks, who hit 512 home runs for Chicago Cubs, heads a list of five new candidates eligible for election to baseball's Hall of Fame.

Besides Banks, first-time candidates are pitchers Jim Bunning and Camilo Pascual, outfielder Curt Flood and infielder Harvey Kuenn. The ballots were mailed Wednesday to 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Bonning, who won 224 games pitching for Detroit Tigers, Pittsburgh Pirates and Philadelphia Phillies, is one of 10 pitchers among 34 players eligible for the baseball shrine in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Election to the Hall of Fame requires mention on 75 per cent of the ballots returned.

Last year, two pitchers — Robin Roberts and Bob Lemon — earned the honor. Other high finishers were the late Gil Hodges, Enos Slaughter, Eddie Mathews, Pee Wee Reese, the late Nellie Fox and Duke Snider.

Players may not be added to the ballot until five years after their retirement.

NHL SUMMARIES

ST. LOUIS 1, TORONTO 4

First Period
Toronto, Garland (5) (Salming, 8:04)
Toronto, Hammarstrom (11) (Gillie, McDonald) 17:29
Toronto, McDonald (22) (Salming) 17:45
Penalty — Plante (SL) 7:05
Second Period
Toronto, Williams (10) (Glenzie) 4:25
Penalties — McKenny (T) 6:36; Irvine (SL) 9:27; Sanderson (SL) (minor, misconduct) 10:03; Neely (T) 10:34; Gassoff (SL) 13:25
Third Period
St. Louis, Unger (15) (MacMillan) 19:09
Penalties — Glenzie (T) 4:46; Carville (T) 7:50; Turnbull (T) 11:55; Sanderson (SL) (double minor) 13:33; Butler (SL) 15:58
Shots on goal by:
St. Louis 12 14 15 — 41
Goal — Stanowski, St. Louis
Toronto 31 14 11 5 118 104 25
Thomas, Toronto
Attendance — 16,356

PATRICK DIVISION

| W | L | T | P | A | Pts. |
|--------------|----|----|----|-----|--------|
| NY Islanders | 30 | 19 | 7 | 110 | 71-22 |
| Philadelphia | 30 | 16 | 7 | 110 | 83-39 |
| Atlanta | 31 | 15 | 7 | 106 | 82-37 |
| Rangers | 32 | 13 | 12 | 123 | 110-33 |

SMYTHE DIVISION

| W | L | T | P | A | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|--------|
| St. Louis | 31 | 12 | 15 | 89 | 112-28 |
| Chicago | 30 | 19 | 17 | 94 | 112-23 |
| Colorado | 30 | 8 | 17 | 85 | 106-21 |
| Minnesota | 31 | 18 | 7 | 131 | 134-19 |
| Vancouver | 32 | 8 | 21 | 3 | 86-126 |

ADAMS DIVISION

| W | L | T | P | A | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|------------|
| Boston | 29 | 19 | 2 | 114 | 93-80 |
| Buffalo | 28 | 17 | 8 | 97 | 68-57 |
| Toronto | 31 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 118 104 25 |
| Cleveland | 31 | 9 | 13 | 7 | 87 102 23 |

NORRIS DIVISION

| W | L | T | P | A | Pts. |
|------------|----|----|----|----|------------|
| Montreal | 32 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 108 103 32 |
| Pittsburgh | 30 | 12 | 13 | 5 | 91 100 29 |
| Detroit | 29 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 78 102 22 |
| Washington | 30 | 8 | 18 | 4 | 83 125 20 |

Next games: Tonight — New York Rangers at Buffalo; Chicago at Philadelphia; Cleveland at Pittsburgh; Vancouver at Detroit; St. Louis at Boston.

DETROIT 3, CLEVELAND 7

First Period
1. Cleveland, Murdoch (6) (Gardner, Hampton) 5:00
Cleveland, Murdoch (9) (Macko) 9:24
3. Detroit, Polonich (7) (McKech-nie) 11:41
Cleveland, Fidler (7) (Merrick, Mike) 12:36
5. Detroit, Libett (6) (McKech-nie) 16:06
6. Cleveland, Fidler (8) (Merrick, Spring) 16:43
Cleveland, Spring (1) (Merrick, Gardner) 18:46
Penalties — Wilson (Det.) 2:32; McKech-nie (Det.) 2:35; Patrick (Cle.) 11:01; Polonich (Det.) (major) 15:19
Second Period
8. Cleveland, Merrick (7) (Patrick, Kuzik) 4:18
9. Detroit, Lochead (4) (Heighill, Maloney) 13:33
Penalties — None
Third Period
10. Cleveland, Murdoch (10) (Maruk) 16:45
Penalties — Cameron (Det.) 16:02; Kuzik (Cle) 19:30
Shots on goal: 8 13 8 — 29
Cleveland 15 8 7 — 30
Goal — Glascom, Detroit; Maloche, Cleveland
Attendance — 3220

American Steeler Stars

NEW YORK (AP) — They might just as well call the team the American Steeler All-Stars, the Pittsburgh Conference club or something. One-fifth of the American Conference team in the National Football League's Pro Bowl-eight of the 40 players — are Pittsburgh Steelers.

Running back Franco Harris is the only offensive player from the Steelers on the AFC team chosen by the conference's 14 head coaches and announced Wednesday by the NFL. But the defensive unit has four Steelers starters — linebackers Jack Lambert and Jack Ham, cornerback Mel Blount and safety Glen Edwards. The other three Steelers named are end

L.C. Greenwood, tackle Joe Greene and safety Mike Wagner.

Joining Harris in the backfield for the Jan. 17 night game at Seattle's Kingdome are Oakland Raider quarterback Ken Stabler and Buffalo Bills running back O. J. Simpson.

Seven players from Oakland and six from Baltimore Colts also are on the team. Wide receiver Cliff Branch, tight end Dave Casper and tackle Art Shell, along with punter

Ray Guy, are Oakland's other starters.

The National Conference squad was announced Tuesday. Dallas Cowboys, like the Steelers, have eight players on the roster.

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MONTREAL 5, COLORADO 2

First Period
Colorado, Arnason (8) (Cro-teau, Van Boorne) 15:18
Penalties — None
Second Period
Montreal, Wilson (3) (Tremblay) 5:09
5. Montreal, Gainey (5) (Roberts, Jarvis) 6:36
4. Montreal, Lapointe (9) (Tremblay, Lemaire) 14:32
5. Montreal, Jarvis (1) (Gainey) 19:06
Penalties — Eder (C) 3:30; Lapointe (M) 9:38; Palement (C) 10:12
Third Period
6. Montreal, Mahovlich (7) (Lapointe) 2:06
7. Montreal, Houle (10) 4:35
8. Colorado, Croteau (6) (Van Boorne, Hudson) 4:35
9. Montreal, Rieabrough (8) (Wilson) 8:25
10. Montreal, Tremblay (9) (Wilson) 19:00
Penalty — Nyrop (M) 12:32
Shots on goal:
Montreal 6 18 12 — 36
Colorado 19 11 10 — 40
Goal — Larocque, Montreal; Plasse, Colorado
Attendance — 13,738

LOS ANGELES 3, ATLANTA 1

First Period
No scoring
Penalties — DeMarco (LA) 12:01; Platt (Atl) 19:09; Sargent (LA) 19:48
Second Period
Atlanta, Clement (7) (Bennett) 0:13
Los Angeles, Williams (21) (Goring, Sargent) 7:50
Penalties — None
Third Period
Los Angeles, Carr (10) (Murphy, Dionne) 3:27
4. Los Angeles, Dionne (30) (Goring, Sargent) 8:36
Penalty — Kea (Atl) 7:09
Shots on goal by:
Los Angeles 8 8 8 — 25
Atlanta 19 11 10 — 40
Goal — Vachon, Los Angeles; Bouchard, Atlanta
Attendance — 11,264

WHA SCORES

East Division

| W | L | T | P | A | Pts. |
|--------------|----|----|----|-----|------------|
| Quebec | 32 | 19 | 12 | 142 | 117-39 |
| Cincinnati | 29 | 17 | 10 | 132 | 98-36 |
| Indianapolis | 29 | 16 | 11 | 2 | 97 107 34 |
| Minnesota | 30 | 13 | 14 | 4 | 91 97 28 |
| New England | 31 | 12 | 15 | 4 | 101 111 28 |
| Birmingham | 33 | 9 | 23 | 1 | 109 135 19 |

West Division

| W | L | T | P | A | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|------------|
| Winnipeg | 31 | 18 | 12 | 1 | 145 105 37 |
| San Diego | 32 | 17 | 12 | 2 | 108 102 36 |
| Houston | 28 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 95 83 32 |
| Phoenix | 22 | 13 | 17 | 2 | 108 142 28 |
| Edmonton | 22 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 88 118 27 |
| Calgary | 29 | 11 | 16 | 2 | 87 91 24 |

Next games: Tonight — Edmonton at San Diego; Minnesota at Indianapolis.

MINNESOTA (6), CINCINNATI (5) — Ron Plumb (4th), Dennis Abernethy (10th), Rich Leduc (10th), Rick Duley (10th). Attendance: 5,668.

BIRMINGHAM (5) — Paul Henderson (9th), J. C. Stewart (2nd), Lou Nistico (4th), Tim Sheehy (10th), Jim Turkiewicz (2nd), PHOENIX (6) — Bob Laidman (9th), John Juhani, Tamminan (4th), Rob Flores (22nd), Michel Cormier (8th), Pekke Rautakallio (5th). Attendance: 4,762.

NICHOLSON RECALLED

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League have called up winger Paul Nicholson from their Dayton Gems' farm club.

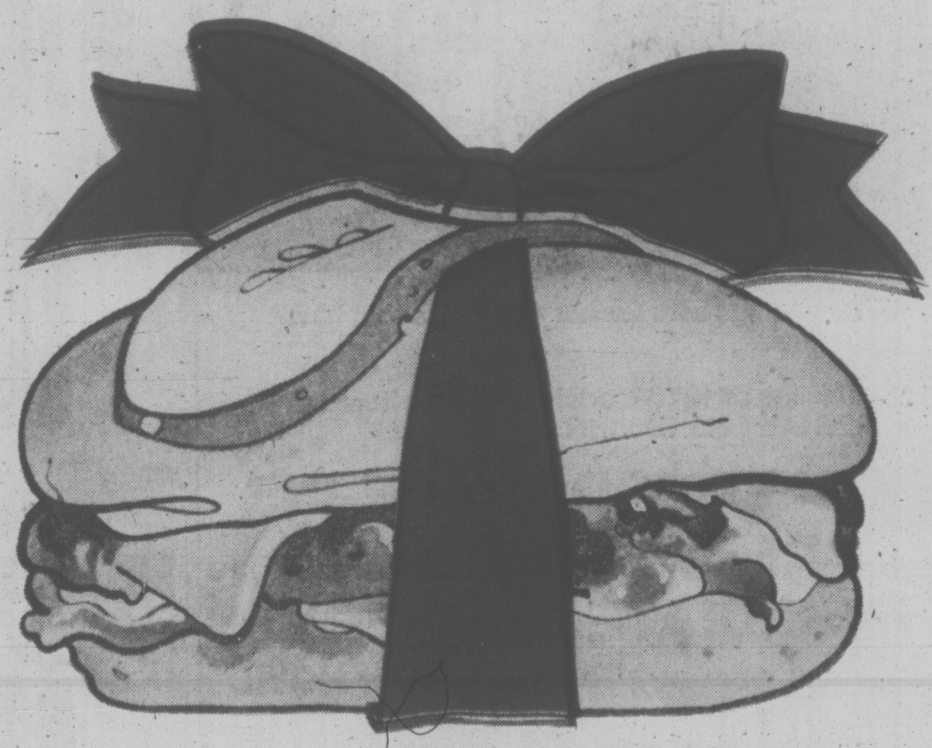
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NEW YORK (WP)—Shareholders of General Electric Co. and Utah International Wednesday voted overwhelmingly to merge the two multibillion-dollar corporations after the companies recently received the blessings of the U.S. justice department's anti-trust division.

The combination is the second largest in U.S. corporate history in terms of the cost of acquisition — \$2.2 billion.

The G.E.-Utah merged company had combined sales in

1975 of \$14,025 billion and combined assets of \$10,809 billion. Both totals would rank the company ninth on Fortune magazine's list of the 500 largest U.S. industrial firms.

GE, which traces its origins to Thomas Alva Edison, the inventor of the electric light bulb, and the Edison Electric Light Co., is a diversified manufacturer of electrical generating systems, nuclear reactors, household appliances and jet engines among many other projects.

Utah International, based in San Francisco, is primarily a natural resource company whose primary source of profits is metallurgical coal mining interests in Australia, but which also has extensive coal, iron ore and uranium holdings in the United States.

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Arsenal Suspect Dies

ONTARIO, Calif. (UPI) — A 55-year-old suspect in the "buried arsenal" investigation collapsed and died of a heart attack soon after he was arrested Wednesday.

The death of Arthur Methe Sr. was the latest development in the discovery of some 10 tons of weapons, from machineguns to missiles, found in southern California in less than two weeks.

Authorities said the weapons were apparently hidden by a racist paramilitary group.

Methe, stepfather of the chief suspect in the case and father of another suspect, was arrested at his home here by San Bernardino county sheriff's deputies along with his wife, Edna, 64.

On arrival at the parking lot at police headquarters, Methe collapsed and died.

Also arrested, by Los Angeles county deputies, was his son, Arthur Methe Jr., 20, half brother of Donald Wiggins, 41. Wiggins has been charged in both Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties with possession of illegal weapons and explosives.

The Methes were accused of possession of machineguns, other illegal weapons, explosives and stolen property.

CREDITOR UNHAPPY WITH NYC

NEW YORK (UPI) — The city has come up with a four-point plan to pay off its \$1 billion debt, but one of the principal creditors involved is clearly not happy with it.

The 11-month payment plan,

revealed Wednesday at a crowded city hall news conference, involves a voluntary "stretchout" of some of the city's debt, two methods of floating more bonds, and cash from the city treasury.

Mayor Abraham Beame

said the plan is contingent on the levels of state and federal aid next year. But he added that in the event that any of the four elements fails to generate enough cash, the difference can be made up with more bonds from the Municipal Assistance Corp., created by the state last year to help market bonds for the city.

The plan now must be sub-

mitted to the state court of appeals, which on Nov. 19 overturned a three-year moratorium on repayment of the \$1 billion debt.

Arthur Richenthal, a lawyer for the Flushing National Bank, which successfully sued to unfreeze the debt, said he accepts the repayment timetable, but he is uncomfortable with the contingencies.

Phosgene Gas 'Clue' In Legion Deaths

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UPI) — Pennsylvania health officials say the possible link between phosgene gas and the "Legionnaires' disease" is the "the first really solid clue" in more than four months of searching for the cause of the mysterious illness.

State Health Secretary Dr. Leonard Bachman said Wednesday a special toxicological research team will examine the theory that the lethal gas could have been produced by FTL, a chemical refrigerant used in air conditioning systems, coming into contact with other substances or heat.

A health department spokesman said investigators were aware of a leak in the air-conditioning system at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel where all the victims stayed.

Labor Head Named
PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Ed Bodner, district representative of the B.C. Government Employees Union, was elected president of the Prince George and District Labor Council at the council's meeting this week.

or visited during a state American Legion convention in late July.

The disease has been blamed for killing 29 persons and sickening 151 others.

Bachman's announcement came one day after the national resource and protection agency in New York said it was investigating the possible link between phosgene, a lethal gas used by the Germans during the first World War, and the mysterious illness.

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Retailers Test Items

TORONTO (CP) — A group of five Canadian retailers have set up \$300,000 worth of sophisticated equipment they say will help retailers test items before and after they are purchased from manufacturers.

The Bay, Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. Ltd., F. W. Woolworth Co. Ltd., Gambles Canada Ltd. of Winnipeg and Towers Department Stores Ltd., opened the Retail Research Foundation of Canada this week.

The laboratories can provide textile, chemical, microbiological, electrical, electronic and mechanical tests.

They will enable retailers to test such things as how much lead an electric kettle will give off, the energy efficiency of dishwashers and how soon a jar of cold cream will become contaminated with bacteria.

James Boyd, president of the non-profit foundation, said few retailers can afford a technical research facility of their own.

"Even if they can afford it, many companies would prefer testing to be done by an impartial, outside organization," he said.

He says retailers likely will use the laboratories before and after they purchase products from a manufacturer, to make sure they are receiving the product they ordered.

Boyd said the laboratory will be used by retailers handling complaints and are

available to government departments, consumer groups and news media.

TORONTO (CP) — Shoplifting costs Canadian merchants an estimated \$1 million a day, recent studies show.

And with the Christmas shopping rush underway, merchants are tightening security in an attempt to cut losses.

R. E. Anning, a former

RCMP officer who operated his own security company before becoming president of Wackenhut of Canada Ltd., says shoplifting in Toronto has doubled since 1967. He estimates there will be a 10-per-cent increase this year.

He blamed a trend to put merchandise in tempting dis-

plays for much of the increased shoplifting. Such displays cause customers to buy or steal on impulse, he said.

The security director at one major supermarket chain said shoplifting and internal theft in the food stores account for about .5 per cent of sales or "about half our profit."

Sydney Hall, western regional manager for T. Eaton Co., told a recent seminar on crime prevention it is estimated that one customer in 60 will steal.

The head of security of a large Canadian chain of stores said about 51 per cent of shoplifters are juveniles.

S.-Sgt. Douglas Bamford of the Metropolitan Toronto police crime prevention bureau said less than one per cent of shoplifters are elderly poor and that some stores are understanding with the elderly shoplifters.

If over 65, they are often given the benefit of the doubt and shown the door, he said.

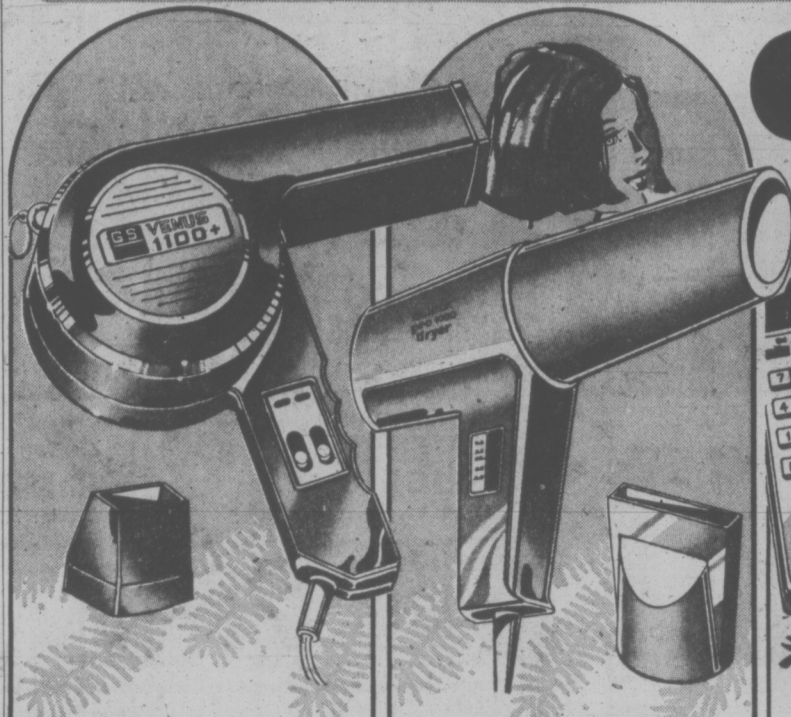
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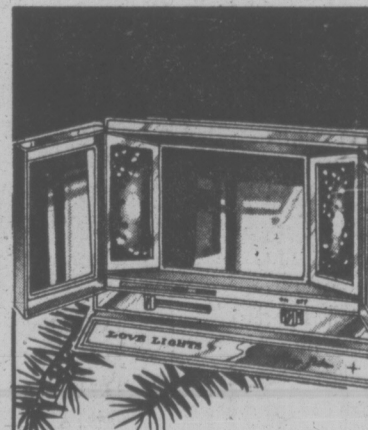
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Morgentaler Planning to Reopen Montreal Abortion Clinic

MONTREAL (CP) — Dr. Henry Morgentaler, absolved by the new Parti Quebecois government of all criminal charges relating to procuring illegal abortions, said Wednesday he will reinstate his abortion practice at his east-end clinic.

He said he would take pre-

cautions against all "future, and possible accusations," by having one or more doctors give second opinions on the need of a patient to have an abortion.

At a news conference where he received a \$25,000 cheque raised by a defence committee, Morgentaler said he

would petition the Quebec government to certify his clinic as a provincial institution for abortions.

"I shall be doing abortions within the framework of strict legality. We have shown that medical necessity is a valid defence," he said.

The 53-year-old doctor said

he hoped the clinic would come under the provincial medical care plan.

"I want to be able to train doctors and nurses in my vacuum suction abortion method, which is recognized throughout the world as one of the best," he said.

"I would also like to see the

establishment of free-standing clinics, so that women would not have to travel 500 miles to go to New York State for abortions, but have them made available in communities."

The cheque he was given brings to \$50,000 the total he has received from the public

to help defer his \$165,000 legal costs, a spokesman from the committee said.

"The government has finally recognized the decision of three Quebec juries and it has recognized that the fight I have been waging over nine years has been a fight for principles," the doctor said.

"I am hopeful that the law in Canada will change soon."

However, he said he did not view the position of federal Justice Minister Ron Basford as an indication that the current laws on abortion in the Criminal Code will be amended shortly.

"His statements prove only

that the decision to prosecute is under provincial jurisdiction. I am not sure there will be a loosening up of federal laws."

Morgentaler's legal battle with the former Liberal government lasted seven years, during which he faced 11 charges of procuring abortions illegally. He was tried on two charges and acquitted by juries in both trials, as well as on a retrial of the first charge.

The Quebec Court of Appeal reversed the first acquittal and convicted him. He was sentenced to 18 months in jail after the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the conviction. Such a conviction has since been ruled illegal.

He and his lawyer, Claude-Armand Sheppard, won all cases on the defence of necessity, proving it was necessary for the mental and physical health of the women to have an abortion.

Logging Study Ends

PORT ALBERT (CP) — The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District decided Wednesday to end further consideration of a controversy over MacMillan Bloedel's intentions to log 2134 acres of Dog Mountain, about 10 miles west of here across Sproat Lake.

The motion to end consideration was made by Mike Kokura, the representative of the Beaufort electoral district and member of an International Woodworkers of America committee set up to study the issue.

"Our people are satisfied that is sufficient, second growth and that the plans as submitted would be of no major earth-shaking development in this area," said Kokura.

He said the IWA committee is satisfied with MacMillan Bloedel's plans.

The project has been opposed by members of the Sproat Lake Residents' Association who say the mountain hold the last stand of virgin timber in the area and the site is visible to many homes.

MacMillan Bloedel says the timber is needed to ensure winter employment and full use of equipment.

The regional district board had earlier defeated a motion by Sproat Lake director Tony Dixon calling for declaration of a logging moratorium on the north slope of the mountain.

MURDER REWARD

EDMONTON (CP) — An anonymous city resident has offered a \$18,000 reward to anyone supplying information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer or killers of Marie Goudreau, 17, of Beaumont, Alta.

RCMP said the reward, added to \$1,000 offered by the provincial government, is believed the largest ever in an Alberta murder hunt.

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Gun Law Proposals Next Week —Basford

OTTAWA (CP) — Justice Minister Ron Basford said Wednesday that he expects to put policy proposals on gun control before the cabinet next week.

He said in an interview that several alternatives to the peace-and-security bill, reintroduction of which was rejected by opposition members this fall, are being considered.

The peace-and-security bill would have required owners and buyers of rifles and shotguns to have a certificate of fitness to use firearms.

The bill, introduced last February, was unable to gain passage in the last session of Parliament. Gun clubs mounted a powerful lobby against it and that also prevented reintroduction in the present session that began Oct. 12.

Basford said no decisions have been made but his policy proposals will involve some form of long-gun controls.

The object would be controls that would "gain greater acceptance in Parliament," where rural members were under heavy constituent pressure this year to defeat the earlier bill.

Handguns and machine-guns would have come under tighter controls under the bill.

QUE. DRIVERS TO REMEMBER

QUEBEC (CP) — Quebec drivers will no longer be identified as coming from the beautiful province.

"La Belle Province," the slogan which appears on current licence plates, is to be dropped in favor of Quebec's official motto "Je Me Souviens" — I remember.

Transport Minister Lucien Lesard announced Wednesday.

The phrase evokes for Quebec nationalists the three centuries of French presence in North America.

Life-Death Question

OTTAWA (CP) — The Law Reform Commission of Canada is about to begin a broad investigation into the fundamental questions of life and death.

The commission said in its fifth annual report, tabled in Parliament Wednesday by Justice Minister Ron Basford, that a general plan for the investigation is being mapped out.

A commission official said the investigation probably will begin with the issue of euthanasia, sometimes known as

mercy killing. To be carried out under the title "protection of life," the investigation may also include abortion.

One object will be to propose to Parliament a legal definition of when life begins and ends. A fierce battle has raged for years among those for or against abortion on the question of when life begins.

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Citizenship of CBC Reporter Questioned by Senator

OTTAWA (CP) — A Progressive Conservative senator questioned the citizenship of Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reporter Adrienne Clarkson Wednesday and accused Clarkson of trying to degrade successful Canadians.

Josie Quart, a 77-year-old Quebec senator who lists herself in the parliamentary guide as the daughter of fourth generation Canadians, made the comments while criticizing Clarkson's Dec. 7 story on the CBC documentary program Fifth Estate about the New Brunswick-based McCain Foods business conglomerate.

Both she and Senator Rosamond Norrie (L-Nova Scotia), who said she is related to the McCain family, denounced the CBC and Clarkson for the story which questioned the food company's business practices.

Senator Quart said she does "not particularly like" Clarkson and asked: "She is probably a naturalized Canadian now, but for several years, when the program 'Take Thirty' was on, she was not, and it was my impression that she tried repeatedly to degrade Canadians who had been successful."

Senator Quart said Clarkson's treatment of the multinational McCain company was scandalous "and this was not the first such program in which Adrienne Clarkson has jilted down Canadian business."

In Toronto, "Fifth Estate" producer Ron Haggart described the remark as "outrageous" and said the special freedom of senators to make criticism in the Senate "is not a licence for irresponsibility."

Haggart said the CBC is studying a transcript of the remarks before deciding on a possible further response.

Clarkson said in a telephone interview today she was "shocked and outraged" by the Quart statement. She said

she has been a Canadian citizen since she was nine years old.

"You really do scrape a nerve when people feel so strongly that they would make statements like this," she said.

She was born in Hong Kong, the daughter of an Australian-born executive of a New York stock brokerage firm, but moved with her family to Canada in 1942 when she was two years old. The family received Canadian citizenship in 1948.

Clarkson was brought up in Ottawa, attended Lisgar Collegiate here and later graduated from the University of Toronto.

She is the former hostess of the CBC program Take Thirty and is separated from Stephen Clarkson, a prominent Liberal academic and one-time candidate for mayor of Toronto.

Senators Quart and Norrie heaped abuse on the CBC for the Fifth Estate report which traced the growth of the McCain Foods business from

a small potato processing plant in New Brunswick to the world's second-largest producer of processed foods. The program said the McCain company received more than \$20 million in federal regional development grants and loan guarantees from the New Brunswick government to help it expand.

Senator Norrie said Clarkson "must have a perverted mind, for saying 'ugly things' about the company." The senator identified herself as an in-law of the McCains.

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CREPES COME IN ENGLISH

TORONTO (CP) — Gerald MacNeil's idea was to have his Grade 8 students put their French to practical use and enjoy some crepes or soupe a l'oignon gratinee at the same time.

He took his class from Saint John Fisher separate school

to a French restaurant and told them to converse only in French with the waiters.

But the French teacher's plans did not consider the possibility of waiters who could not speak French.

One of the restaurant owners simply explained that not all Torontonians speak

French so he and his partners have some English-speaking waiters.

However, the students were not to be fooled and many spoke French anyway.

"We even said our prayers in French" before eating, said Lisa Rasp, 13.

Spray Can Cuts Promised by '78

OTTAWA (CP) — All non-essential uses of the F11 and F12 fluorocarbon propellants in spray cans—mainly personal care items such as hair sprays, deodorants and antiperspirants—will be eliminated by 1978, federal Environment Minister Romeo LeBlanc said Wednesday.

LeBlanc told a news conference the aerosol industry has voluntarily agreed to halve the use of the propellants by the end of 1977 to 15 million pounds and to submit quarterly progress reports thereafter until their elimination.

The environment minister stressed that only 35 per cent of aerosols use fluorocarbon propellants.

He said the government will decide in two to three months whether to demand the labelling

of aerosol cans containing the fluorocarbons, which scientists say weaken the thin layer of ozone which shields the earth against ultraviolet radiation.

An increase in this radiation, scientists say, could result in an increase of skin cancer, higher earth temperatures, and could have harmful effects on plants and animals.

LeBlanc tabled a report on the fluorocarbon situation in the House before the news conference. The report, prepared by the federal atmospheric Environment Service advisory committee on stratospheric pollution, expressed concern over ignorance of the effects of depletion of the ozone layer in the earth.

LeBlanc conceded that Canada accounts for only about two per cent of the total world

release of fluorocarbons to the ozone layer, so in a global sense the Canadian elimination will not have much effect.

However, he said, such an "environmentally moral" decision may influence other countries to follow Canada and the U.S. and move to eliminate the propellants from non-essential use.

But even a world ban will

not immediately stop the erosion of the ozone layer, the report on the fluorocarbon situation says, because it takes more than 15 years before the fluorocarbons reach the ozone level in the atmosphere.

Consequently, even if the production of fluorocarbons were terminated, the ozone depletion would continue to increase for an additional 15 years and it would take near-

ly 100 years before the ozone would recover to the values it had before fluorocarbon release was halted," it said.

Spokesmen for the \$270-million-a-year Canadian aerosol industry say they can live with the federal action which will be carried out under the Environmental Contaminants Act. They said that by 1978 they should have aerosol propellant alternatives.

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Schreyer Draws Labor Criticism

WINNIPEG (CP) — Premier Ed Schreyer drew a critical response from labor Wednesday to his announcement that the province may continue in the Federal Anti-Inflation Program.

Bill Jackson, president of the 15,000-member Manitoba Government Employees Association, said Schreyer could run the risk of losing public confidence if his leadership appears hesitant.

The premier said two weeks ago that it was unlikely Manitoba would renew its agreement supporting the anti-inflation program. He returned from Ottawa Tuesday and announced the previous decision may be scrapped.

But Jackson said the reason for the change in plans probably was an indication the federal government was considering abandoning the program.

"Jean-Luc Pepin's resignation was the first indication we had that this might be the government's intention."

Bud Henderson, regional director of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, said he also was disappointed in the apparent change of mind.

ALTA. MULLS AIB FUTURE

EDMONTON, (CP) — The Alberta cabinet will decide in late February whether the province will continue co-operation with the federal anti-inflation program, premier Peter Lougheed said Wednesday.

The final decision would be made after a meeting of provincial finance ministers in late January and a further assessment of the program's effectiveness, he said.

He said the premiers agreed Monday and Tuesday at the federal-provincial meeting in Ottawa that the program had "proved to be somewhat of a success."

Lougheed said the general feeling was that the provinces would probably continue with the program after March 31, when the existing agreements with Ottawa expire.

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Pilot Walks Away from Crash

EDMONTON (CP) — The search for a light aircraft missing since Tuesday ended Wednesday afternoon when its pilot walked into an RCMP office at Dawson Creek, to report he had crash landed.

Capt. Craig Mills, a Canadian Forces spokesman, said Richard Keith Dempsey, 25,

of Edmonton, was not injured in the crash of his single-engine Cessna 180 — owned by Almart Sales Ltd. of St. Albert, Alta. — 25 miles southeast of Dawson Creek.

He walked and hitch-hiked from the crash site to the RCMP detachment office.

It was believed the aircraft suffered minor damage, but the cause of the crash was not

immediately known, Mills said.

Dempsey, an experienced pilot with top instrument rating and 2,400 hours flying time, left Edmonton's municipal airport at 1 p.m. Tuesday on the planned 300-mile, 2½-hour flight to Dawson Creek. He last reported by radio about one hour later over Whitecourt, 110 miles

northwest of Edmonton. Mills said the small aircraft did not carry an emergency locator transmitter, as previously believed.

The aircraft logged 20 flying hours on the search.

WPG. OPPOSES METRICS

WINNIPEG (CP) — Winnipeg city council has decided to try to spearhead a move to have the federal government postpone its plan to steadily convert Canada to the metric measurement system.

The council's motion, approved on a 22-17 vote, said the Metric conversion should

wait until such time that more immediate problems such as unemployment are under control.

Other Canadian cities will be asked to support Winnipeg's stand.

Mayor Stephen Juba, chief supporter of the motion, said he is not opposed to the met-

ric system — only to the rapid and costly method of conversion.

He said if the true costs were known "for every man, woman and child... you'd be up in the air."

At most, Canada should follow the United States' route of gradual conversion, he added.

NORTHERN RESEARCH INSTITUTES UNITE

EDMONTON (CP) — A combined Canadian universities organization to streamline northern research and share Arctic facilities was announced Wednesday.

The association, so far unnamed, sprang from an inaugural meeting of 33 delegates and observers from 24 universities.

The meeting, organized by the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies and the Indian and northern affairs department, decided headquarters will likely be in Ottawa.

Among objectives, the group would like to see shared use of research stations and other Arctic facilities and co-operative university planning.

A spokesman for the organization said governments, industry and native organizations should also benefit from the association as a centre of specialized knowledge and information on the north.

The association will decide on a name and elect executive officers at a Churchill, Man., conference in April 1977.

Gulf Puts Squeeze On Rebel Pump Man

VANCOUVER (CP) Gulf Oil Canada Ltd. gave gas station operator Carl Persall an ultimatum Wednesday: get out of your station in 30 days or we'll sue for breach of contract.

Persall, operator of a Gulf station in Surrey municipality since August, posted signs on his pumps Tuesday saying, "please don't buy our gas. Help us fight higher prices."

Persall said he posted the signs to protest a Gulf order to increase the price of gas one cent to 77.9 cents a gallon. Unleaded gas was increased two cents to 81.9 cents a gallon.

"I have no intention of walking away from the fight," he said. At a meeting Wednesday, Gulf officials asked him to give 30 days' notice he was leaving the station or face breach of contract charges, he said.

Persall said he replied he would not remove his signs until the company lowers prices. He said he would like to drop prices two to four

cents but if he refuses to demand the higher rates, he could be charged with breach of contract.

Gulf has suggested he absorb the increase himself, said Persall. "Why should I absorb their losses? I'm selling their product."

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Omar Would Find Leftovers Paradise

NEW YORK — It has long been your contention that some of the best dishes in the world are those that bear the unseemly and unpalatable label "leftovers." Two of the merest cases in point are roast turkey and roast beef (or even roast pork). We like them piping hot from the oven, but how much more delectable we find them the day after, thinly carved and tucked between slices of a good bread, smeared with freshly made mayonnaise. That and a pickle, Omar, the tentmaker, probably never knew "his paradise enow."

Thus, the recipes. With a single exception — a splendid corn and cheese pudding that can be assembled in advance and baked at the last hour — all of these dishes may be made to advantage a day in advance. But make them take, they would still be excellent if prepared and served with dispatch.

CHICKEN AND MUSHROOM MAYONNAISE

- 1 seven-pound chicken, simmered until tender (see recipe) and cooled
 - 12 pound fresh mushrooms, preferably button mushrooms
 - 1 tablespoon drained green peppercorns out of a bottle or can (see note)
 - 4 tablespoons drained capers
 - 1 cup homemade mayonnaise (see recipe)
 - Juice of one lemon
 - Finely chopped parsley for garnish
1. When the chicken is cool, remove it from the kettle. Take the meat from the bones. Remove the skin from the meat. Return the bones and skin to the kettle and continue cooking to reduce the broth to any desired strength.
2. Cut the chicken into bite-size pieces and add it to a bowl.
3. If the mushrooms are small, leave them whole; otherwise

quarter them or cut them into eighths. Drop them into a saucepan with chicken broth to cover. Simmer five minutes and drain well. Cool and add them to the chicken.

4. Add the peppercorns, capers, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Toss well to blend. The dish is now ready to serve. Before serving, sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Yield: 8 or more servings.

Note: Green peppercorns are available in food shops that deal in imported delicacies.

POACHED CHICKEN

- 1 seven-pound chicken, trussed or not, plus gizzard, heart and neck
 - 20 peppercorns, crushed
 - 3 large ribs celery, trimmed and cut into two-inch lengths
 - 2 large carrots, trimmed and cut into two-inch lengths
 - 1 clove garlic, crushed
 - 6 sprigs fresh parsley
 - Salt to taste
 - Water to cover
1. Combine all the ingredients in a kettle and bring to the boil.



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2. Partly cover and simmer 45 minutes or until the chicken is thoroughly tender. Let the chicken cool in the broth.
- Yield: One seven-pound chicken or about 3½ pounds of chicken meat when cut into bite-size pieces.

MAYONNAISE

- 1 egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard, preferably Dijon or Dusseldorf
- 1 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1 cup peanut oil
- 1 lemon juice to taste
- 1 Place the egg yolk in a mixing bowl. Add the mustard, salt and pepper to taste, the cayenne and vinegar.
2. Start beating with a

whisk, rotary beater or electric beater, gradually adding the peanut oil. Continue beating and adding the oil until all of it is used. Beat in the lemon juice to taste. Taste for seasoning and beat in more salt, cayenne or lemon juice, if desired.

Yield: About 1½ cups.

ROAST PORK WITH FENNEL

- 1 three-and-one-half to four-pound centre cut pork loin roast
- 3 to 5 cloves garlic
- 1 Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon crushed fennel seeds
- 2 small white onions, peeled
- ½ cup chicken broth
1. The roast will be easier to carve if the chine bone (the continuous flat bone at the top of the ribs) is cut away by the butcher. This is not essential, however. If the chine bone is cut away, save it.
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
3. Cut the garlic into slivers. Make gashes at various points in the fat of the roast as well as between the meat and the rib bones. Stud the holes with garlic slivers, sprinkle the roast with salt and pepper. Rub the fennel seeds on top of the roast.
4. Arrange the roast meaty side down in a shallow baking pan. Chop the bone into pieces and scatter them around the roast. Add the onions. It is not necessary to add any liquid at this time.
5. Place the roast in the oven and bake. As the fat accumulates around the roast, baste the roast at frequent intervals. When the roast has baked 30 minutes, turn it bone side down. Continue basting and roasting 30 minutes.
6. When the roast has cooked a total of one hour, pour off all the fat from the pan. Add the chicken broth and cover the roast lightly with foil. Bake 30 to 45 minutes longer. Serve hot or cold.
- Yield: 6 to 10 servings.

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thus the Carter book "reveals the basic elements of our American cooking heritage."

Certainly culinary history buffs will want to look into it. Because 18th-century editions of "The Frugal Housewife" are rare, this reasonably priced present-day edition is a boon.

Cookbooks Return To the Old Days

Associated Press

Some of the cookbooks that appeared in 1976 are bent on recapturing the past.

The first cookbook to be published in the U.S., "The Compleat Housewife" by E. Smith, appeared in 1742 and was printed and sold in Williamsburg. The second, "The Frugal Housewife" or "The Frugal Woman Cook" by Susannah Carter, appeared in 1772 and was printed and sold in Boston.

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Top Chemist

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Vegetables in Advance Save Last-Minute Fuss

Mary Moore

By MARY MOORE

At least half of the mail during November and December came from readers who want Christmas recipes. Some in October wanted formerly given Christmas Cakes to be made well in advance.

These organized cooks want to reduce the work and confusion on Christmas Day.

In my kitchen when I am preparing a guest meal the vegetables always require last-minute preparation and it is a bind.

So to put a stop to that I have selected two vegetable recipes that you have praised that can be made in advance. Clip this now and you will be glad on Christmas Eve.

SWEDISH POTATOES

- (Serves Eight)
- 6 large potatoes, pared
 - ¾ cup dairy sour cream
 - 3 or 4-oz. pkg. white cream cheese (room temperature)
 - 1½ tsp. onion salt
 - ½ tsp. salt
 - ¼ tsp. white pepper
 - 2 Tbsp. butter
- Crumb Topping:**
- 1½ Tbsp. melted butter
 - ¾ cup fine breadcrumbs
- To prepare Potato Mixture cook pared potatoes in salted, boiling water until tender. Drain and mash until smooth. Add sour cream, cream cheese, onion salt, salt, pepper and butter and beat until light and fluffy and there are absolutely no lumps. Turn mixture into a well-buttered medium-large casserole.
- To make Crumb Topping in

a pot melt the butter. Remove from heat and add breadcrumbs. Toss gently with fork so crumbs are soaked with butter. Pat crumbs on top of potato mixture to completely cover (See note below). Bake at 350 Deg. Fahr. for 30 minutes until heated through.

Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes before serving. This allows the mixture to set a little and serve easier. If you wish you may cut into squares and serve with butter or just spoon out with large serving spoon.

NOTE: If Swedish Potatoes are made in advance refrigerate immediately and bake within 24 hours allowing 45 hours allowing 45 minutes at 350 Deg.

CARROT AND SPINACH CASSEROLE

- Vegetables
- 4 cup (packed) water thin carrot slices (4 large)
 - 1 cup sliced onion
 - 4 cup hard packed fresh chopped spinach (or use two 10-oz. pkgs. thawed, fresh frozen)
- Sauce:**
- ¼ cup butter or margarine
 - ¼ cup flour
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 2 cup milk
 - 2 cup grated medium or old Cheddar cheese
 - 1 cup DRY breadcrumbs
- Combine sliced carrots and onion and put on to cook in minimum of water (or steam) and cook until tender.

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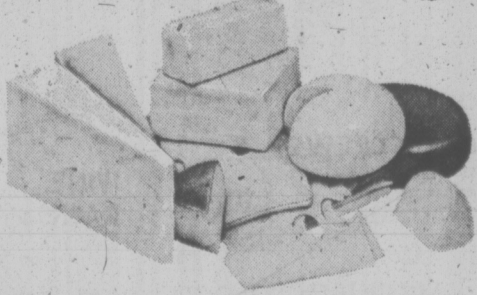
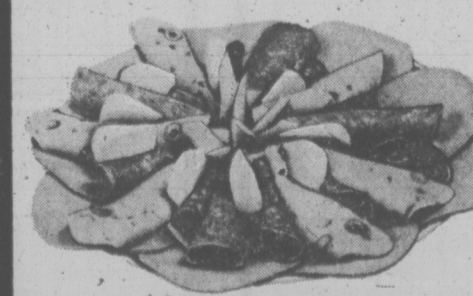
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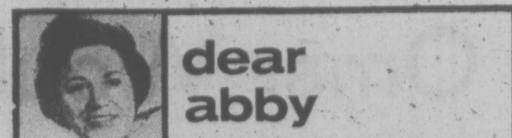
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DEAR ABBY: I am 27 years old, with two young children, and widowed only this month. For those women who haven't experienced this, it is terrifying. But there is one thing I'm not worried about, and that's how I am going to feed my family of three for the next 16 years. I can't take the credit.

Last year, a life insurance salesman sold my husband a \$50,000 life insurance policy over my objection. I just couldn't see our spending \$14 a month. I wish now that he'd sold us twice as much.

We don't get a lot, but it will get us by. A word to future widows: Listen to life insurance salesmen. You'll be glad you did when you get that check — KNOWS BETTER NOW.

DEAR KNOWS: Life insurance salesmen are frequently accused of being too pushy, too persistent and too high pressure. But as a matter of policy they provide heaven-sent protection against personal tragedy.

DEAR ABBY: In reading the letter from the father who found pornographic pictures in his 14-year-old son's wallet, I have nothing but sympathy for him.

I wish more parents could understand the sexual tensions teenagers suffer today. It varies from person to person, of course. But a lot has changed since parents were in their teens.

Being 17, I've found little pornography available and little demand for it from my age group. But I still believe in our constitutional right to read anything we like. It has been said that a country that burns books eventually will burn people. — PHILLIP R.

DEAR PHILLIP: You have a good head on those 17-year-old shoulders.

DEAR ABBY: My wife insists on letting our dog lick the demand for it from my age group. But I still believe in our constitutional right to read anything we like. It has been said that a country that burns books eventually will burn people. — PHILLIP R.

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The Person Papers!

I'm certain, in the rush of this Yuletide season, a great many who read this column will never have heard of these papers. Or, if they have, they've put off until the new year any thought of sending for them and boning up on the facts they contain.

Therefore, despite the tinsel and holly, I'm going to give you a quick run-down on the papers here, in the hope you will then realize how important they are and how necessary it is for you to own a set now!

Actually the Person Papers (or booklets they might be called) are popularized versions of research papers produced by the Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

That council, you will recall, was established to advise the Canadian government on policy related to women and to keep the public informed of its work and concerns.

It is in response to the latter task that the ACSW recently produced the papers with an avowed intention of simplifying the complicated changes still needed in the laws relating to the status of women and to bring them to as wide a public as possible.

Although the papers have only been in circulation about two months, the response has been excellent, a recent ACSW news release tells us. Which suggests the very real

need to provide such basic information.

Title of the series — The Person Papers — is a reference to the 1929 "persons' case" in which the Privy Council of England reversed an earlier decision of the Supreme Court of Canada ruling that women were not persons.

That decision still bears witness to the strength of purpose and the courage of five Alberta women who, back in the 1920s, fought to have Canadian women recognized as "persons" within the meaning of the British North America Act and thus opened the way for them to be named to the Senate.

Their names, remembered on a bronze plaque at the entrance to the Senate Chamber on Parliament Hill in Ottawa are:

Henrietta Muir Edwards of MacLeod; Magistrate Emily Murphy and Nellie McClung of Edmonton; Louise C. McKinney of Clarendon and Hon. Irene Parbury of Alton.

The plaque, bordered by maple leaves, was placed in the Senate antichamber by The Canadian Federation of

Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and unveiled on June 11, 1938.

Getting back to the Person Papers, only four of the eight that will appear in the completed series, are available at the moment — Matrimonial Property, Rape, Fringe Benefits and Birth Planning.

Working titles of the remaining four — in process of being completed — are The Price of Maternity, Taxation Untangled, Occupational Health Hazards and Future Families.

Each paper includes an introduction, the story in easily understood words, the ACSW position and recommendations for discussion and implementation.

ACSW reason for producing the series, is given at the beginning of each paper as follows:

"The Person Papers are a means to an end. They are intended to bring some of the issues where inequality is still rampant to as wide a readership as possible. Many of these issues are little under-

stood either because of their complexity or because they touch on rapidly changing societal values."

It's pointed out that the papers deal with only a few of many crucial areas of discrimination. Also that they are based on more detailed research which is freely available from the ACSW.

All four papers — open on my desk as I write — present factual evidence pointing to a need for continued effort on the part of women to obtain equality.

As the ACSW puts it — "over the years equality has never been a hand-out; change has come as the result of concerted effort and pressure."

"All of us must take part in making equality a reality. The issues clearly presented in the Person Papers affect all our lives."

"It's up to us to speak out!" Reading those words, I am more convinced than ever that all women, whether in various organizations, new, or old, or as individuals who may not be in women's groups or political circles, should have a chance to familiarize themselves with the issues so well presented in the papers.

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Bulgar Wheat May Take Place of Rice

QUESTION: I noticed bulgur in a list of cereal products. What is bulgur and how is it served?

ANSWER: Bulgur is made from wheat which has been parboiled, dried and some of the bran is removed. Bulgur may be sold whole or cracked. The method for cooking bulgur is similar to that for cooking white rice. Cooked bulgur has a nutlike flavor and a slightly chewy texture. You can use bulgur in many of the same ways you use rice.

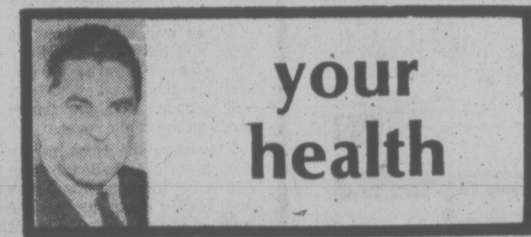
Nutrition Buyline

QUESTION: I have been advised to keep carrot and celery sticks in ice water to use as a low-calorie snack. I like them crispy but does this affect the vitamin content?

ANSWER: Some of the water-soluble nutrients, such as Vitamin C, are not lost by leaching when cut vegetables are soaked in cold water for long periods. A preferable method is to sprinkle vegetables with water, wrap them in a damp cloth and then to store them until used in the refrigerator. This will accomplish the same results and the decreased volume of water will greatly reduce the probability of nutrient loss.

Weddings Forecast

CHICAGO (AP) — Christmas is a time for prayer and celebration but in Czechoslovakia, legend says, a young girl can "predict" her wedding plans. On Dec. 4, she puts a cherry twig in water and if it blossoms before Christmas Eve, she will marry sometime that year.



By LESTER L. COLEMAN, M.D.

My husband is extremely nervous and suffers from fatigue at the end of the day. I'm sure it's anemia, but he won't listen. Is there any kind of tonic or iron for anemia that I could urge him to take?

—Mrs. C.Y.

Dear Mrs. Y.: Your homemade diagnosis of anemia is leading you into a state of "medical" confusion. Before you base your husband's symptoms on your own diagnosis he should be urged, more sensibly, to seek the advice of a physician.

Even though extreme fatigue and nervousness may be related to anemia, many other physical and psychological problems should first be eliminated.

A simple blood test takes the guesswork out of the definite diagnosis of anemia. If an iron deficiency anemia is present, replacement of iron by tablet, and by eating nourishing foods high in iron, will rectify it.

Expensive tonics and vitamin supplements are no more beneficial than inexpensive iron tablets and an improved diet. The expensive ones can cause an anemia of

the pocketbook, which can only lead to increased nervousness of those who must pay for them!

Can you tell me something about the stripping method for varicose veins of the legs?

—Mrs. G.W.A.

Dear Mrs. A.: "Stripping" is one of a number of techniques used for the treatment of varicose veins.

Under anesthesia, a long wire is threaded into the veins. The vein is then stripped, almost like the "snake" technique that electricians use to bring wire from one room to another.

This stripping method is not recommended in all cases of varicose veins. The choice of a particular type of operation is made by the surgeon after carefully evaluating the patient's individual problem.

In some instances, injection techniques are first tried. The standard surgical procedure of removing varicose veins is also considered. This is known as "cutting and ligation." It has served for many years as an effective method of bringing relief to patients burdened by the problems of varicose veins.

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By HARRIET HART

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Return to Past Not the Answer

By DR. JEAN MAYER and DR. JOHANNA DWYER
It is easy to get the impression that modern life poses many health hazards. Things like environmental overkill with pesticides and factory-

like approaches to producing food make many of us wonder whether we have an ecological Pandora's box in our laps. Indeed, "back-to-nature types" even go so far as to urge that we would be better

off to abandon our modern agricultural technology entirely and return to farming practices of the past.

But would we? A look at some of the serious health problems — to say nothing of food shortages — in lesser developed countries strongly suggests that the answer is "no." The aflatoxin story is a case in point.

Aflatoxin is one of a number of what we call mycotoxins — poisons produced by certain food molds. One particular mold, called *Aspergillus flavus*, is the most common producer of aflatoxin. If the conditions are right, this mold will grow on corn, rice, cassava and sorghum, but it seems to have a special affinity for peanuts.

If aflatoxin gets into food fed to animals, it causes liver disease. For example, a 1961 epidemic of liver disease among turkeys in England was traced to aflatoxin in peanut meal imported from Africa. The toxin has also been associated with liver cancer in experimental animals. Aflatoxin also may be a factor in human liver cancer, although evidence isn't yet available that would rule out other causes.

About a decade ago, several scientists suggested that aflatoxins in the diet might explain this high incidence of liver cancer. The fact that the cancer seems to be more common in the humid areas of Africa, where the climate is more conducive to the growth of molds than in the arid regions, lent credence to this theory.

This does not prove that aflatoxin does indeed cause liver cancer in humans. Since it is obviously unthinkable to experimentally feed aflatoxin to human volunteers to see if it induced liver cancer, the best alternative is to go into that part of the world in which people are likely to eat aflatoxin-contaminated food and see whether they have an abnormally high incidence of the disease.

This is what three Boston scientists — Marvin Alpert, Charles Davidson and Gerald Wogan — did in Uganda. After several years of studying the incidence of liver cancer among various population groups plus their dietary habits, the researchers have found that the incidence of liver cancer is highest in the areas where the food supply is most frequently contaminated with aflatoxins. Other scientists have also now found a high correlation between liver cancer and the raising of peanuts in hot humid countries, such as Kenya and Swaziland. It is a great pity that the current political situation in Uganda makes it impossible to continue these studies.

Similar studies were conducted in Thailand by Dr. Robert Shank of St. Louis. While his results were not as clear-cut as those of the African studies, they, too, did indicate a link between aflatoxins and liver disease in children.

These investigations certainly suggest that aflatoxin is something that we need to watch carefully. But, as writ-

er T. S. Eliot said, "All knowledge brings us nearer to our ignorance," and there are still many unanswered questions and puzzling things about aflatoxin.

For example, in the African studies it was found that liver cancer was four times as common in men than in women. Also, viral hepatitis and cirrhosis are very common in these countries, and some scientists believe that this might explain the high incidence of liver cancer. So while we can make certain theoretical correlations, it would be a mistake to draw any definitive conclusions based on current knowledge.

But what does all this mean to us? Fortunately, here the possibility of aflatoxin contamination is one problem that can be virtually eliminat-

ed by a high standard of food hygiene and strict inspection laws. Aflatoxin is detected by screening foodstuffs with ultraviolet lights, and although freshly harvested peanuts in this country usually have little or no aflatoxin, they are, by law, effectively double-checked before being sold — thanks to the highly sophisticated agricultural technology we've developed.

The point is that we should not simply throw out modern techniques and go back to primitive methods of raising, storing and distributing food. But what we should do is combine some of the old virtues of concern and prudence with our modern agriculture methods to provide a growing supply of safe and economical food products for an ever-increasing number of people.



indoor gardens

By LYNN and JOEL RAPP
DEAR LYNN and JOEL: I am 38 years old and moving into my first very own apartment. I want to decorate it with plants, mostly because I love plants, but also because my finances are low. — FREE AT LAST
DEAR FREE: Creating a

Total Environment with plants is beautiful, relaxing and healthy. Don't be afraid to invest in a few large plants, such as Ficus Benjamina, Ficus Elastica (rubber trees — what else?), Kentia Palms or Dracaenas. Large plants, rather than a lot of small ones, create a

feeling of "greenery," and will be less work for you. Dieffenbachias and Spathiphyllums grow to enormous proportions in good light. Hanging plants are excellent for creating a plant atmosphere. Stick with hassle-free plants and buy wisely according to your light situation. Comb the junkshops and swap meets for colorful containers for the plants. Wall brackets, baker's racks, redwood shelves, all decorative, yet practical ways to live with the plants. Straw baskets, perfect with plants, can be purchased at import stores. (Set a waterproof saucer inside, cover bottom with pebbles and set in the plant.)

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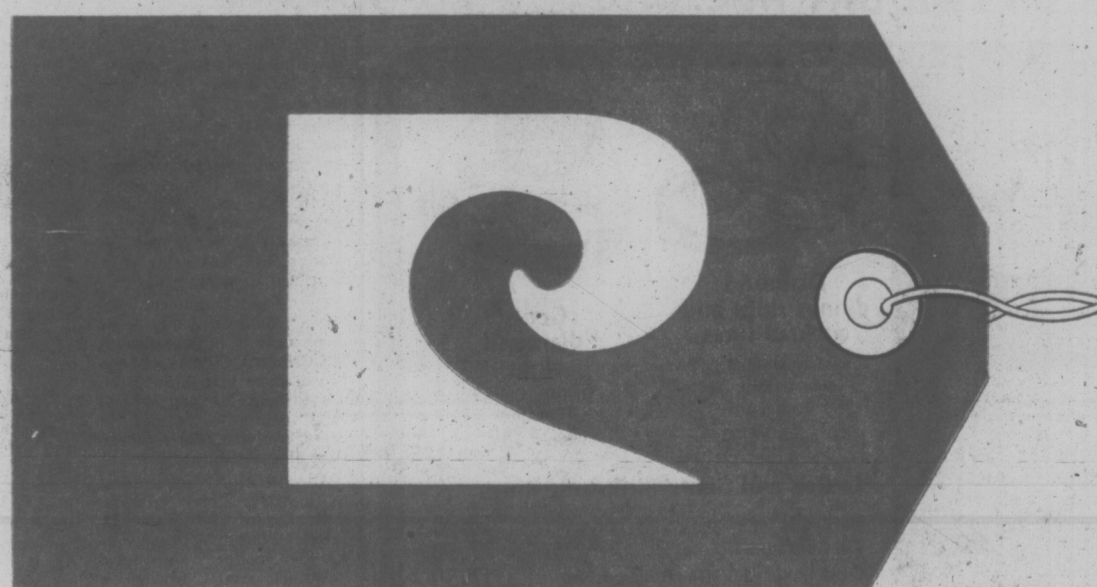
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Specialty Brands Inc. of San Francisco, which uses the

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Parts Surcharge Not Invoiced—Witness

A former partsman with a Port Alberni car dealership agreed Wednesday he remained with the firm for two years after a 10 per cent surcharge was started.

Lorne Blakey told B.C. Supreme Court earlier he questioned the surcharge from the beginning, told the parts manager he didn't agree with it, and eventually was "dismissed" over refusing to go along with it.

Blakey, now a carpenter and floor installer in Fernie, worked from 1963 to 1971 as a partsman with Chatwin Motors Limited. He said the surcharge began around July or August of 1969.

Chatwin Motors is one of several car dealers accused of restraint of trade under the Combines Investigation Act.

R. W. Lusk of Vancouver, counsel for the car dealers, asked Blakey if he was somewhat concerned at the 10 per cent because it caused difficulties in the parts department, the parts people had to calculate the percentage quickly, and it was an inconvenience.

"Yes," responded Blakey. Asked if he didn't like it, Blakey said the inconvenience was "not much concern."

"You didn't like the others," said Lusk. "It was difficult to do it and come up with the correct answer," said Blakey, who had explained this calculation was done in the head on the spot and was not disclosed separately on the invoice but added into the total.

He said this was "one of the concerns."

He agreed that it was a major concern in the parts department.

When Lusk suggested it was not that much of a concern because he stayed on for two years and carried out the surcharge, Blakey replied "sometimes it did."

But, said Lusk, it didn't "bother you to leave."

"I guess not," said Blakey. Blakey agreed he had been thinking of leaving his job and going into another line of business.

He didn't recall "definitely talking" to a company official, Neil Pennington, about leaving and didn't remember Pennington asking him to remain a month.

He agreed he simply decided not to go along with the 10 per cent policy but said "I had no choice" when told to follow the policy or leave.

Prior to his cross-examination, he told Crown counsel Cecil Branson he was wrong in a statement Tuesday that when the 10 per cent surcharge was in effect the three per cent freight charge wasn't.

"I thought it wasn't being charged but it must have been," he said, after examining an invoice indicating both charges.

On one invoice shown to him, he said a molding was listed on the invoice as \$10.80 but the suggested maximum price in the General Motors handbook was \$9.80.

In cross-examination, he agreed that dealerships representing different car manufacturers didn't compete on "captive parts" and this situation didn't change with the surcharge, freight charge and return parts policy on "captive parts."

(Court has been told "captive parts" cover such manufacturers items as body fittings—doors and fenders—which can only be obtained from the franchise dealer representing that manufacturer. Other parts, labelled "competitive," may be obtained from both franchise dealers and other shops.)

Blakey agreed that competitive parts could be obtained from a number of outlets. Only used captive parts could be obtained elsewhere, from wreckers.

Asked if Chatwin Motors "tried to take away captive parts" from the other GM dealer in Port Alberni, Katia Chev-Olds, he replied "well, you're always trying to make a sale."

He agreed, about the three per cent freight charge, that what was in effect happening was that some of the freight cost was being passed on to customers on special-ordered body parts from GM's Vancouver warehouse.

He said "it could, on occasion" cost Chatwin Motors more than the three per cent to have these parts shipped in.

He agreed that if the freight cost exceeded three per cent, Chatwin Motors paid the difference.

Blakey said the parts return policy, which involved a pen-

alty discount on the purchase price on parts which were brought back, was followed "very loosely."

Shown two invoices, he agreed no penalty had been imposed.

He agreed the worst offenders in late returning of unwanted parts were body shops and he was mostly concerned in getting them to bring parts back in a timely fashion.

Re-examined by Branson, Blakey said a variety of shops selling car parts in Port Alberni, other than GM franchise dealers, did not sell captive parts.

Asked if he knew of any case where Chatwin Motors called a Vancouver GM dealer to order parts to avoid paying freight into Port Alberni, he said "not to my knowledge."

He said Chatwin Motors had a repair or service shop but not a body shop and he didn't

know of Chatwin Motors charging more than the GM list price before the 10 per cent surcharge.

Blakey said his sales to service stations were for competitive, not captive, parts. The trial continued today.

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BEFORE THE JUDGE

Judge William Ostler made a precedent-setting decision Wednesday in Victoria provincial court in favor of Crown counsel Robert Mulligan but lawyer George Jones argued successfully to have his client released on bail.

The case involved 26-year-old Robin Lee McLean, also known as Robin Lee Burgess, 3103 Metcalfe, faced with four charges.

She had been held in custody since last Wednesday on charges of possession of stolen rings and a stolen credit card and had two new charges read Wednesday: possession of two stolen revolvers and possession of a restricted weapon.

The legal argument between Mulligan and Jones arose over a new section of the Criminal Code of Canada which states that the onus on a show-cause hearing for bail rests with the defence in cases involving people arrested while "awaiting trial."

After a short adjournment to consider his decision, Ostler ruled in Mulligan's favor, stating that an appearance notice constituted "awaiting trial," whether a plea had been entered or not.

However, Ostler then ruled in Jones' favor in the bail hearing, releasing the accused woman on \$2,000 on her own recognizance.

A non-publication order requested by Jones was granted by Ostler, who remanded the case until Friday to fix a date for trial.

An Oak Bay high school student received what has been set as the maximum penalty for community service work orders after pleading guilty to a charge of assaulting a peace officer.

Barrett Ken Agar, 17, 2056 Oak Bay Avenue, received a suspended sentence, 18 months probation and a 200-hour community work service order after court was told he

jumped on a Victoria city policeman's back as the officer was trying to make another arrest in an apartment at 2136 Ridge Dec. 4.

After the guilty plea was entered, Mulligan applied to have a second charge of obstructing a peace officer stayed and Ostler granted the request.

Ostler was satisfied Wednesday that a 21-year-old man's guilty plea Tuesday was correct and sentenced him to three months in jail.

James Reel Wilkins, charged with being unlawfully at large between Feb. 6 and March 12, pleaded guilty to the charge Tuesday before Ostler, but the judge was not satisfied with the propriety of the plea and asked legal aid lawyer Brian McKenzie to look into the matter.

McKenzie said his investigation indicated there was legal precedent for the charge and said Wilkins maintained his guilty plea.

Mulligan told the court Wilkins was sentenced to two years definite and two years indeterminate on June 4, 1974, at Port Alberni for armed robbery and forgery and was released on parole in November of last year from Wilkinson Road jail.

However, he had failed to report to his parole officer after Feb. 2 and had been in Prince Albert, Sask., and Thompson, Man., before he was arrested for possession of marijuana in Manitoba. He was brought back to Victoria to face the earlier charge.

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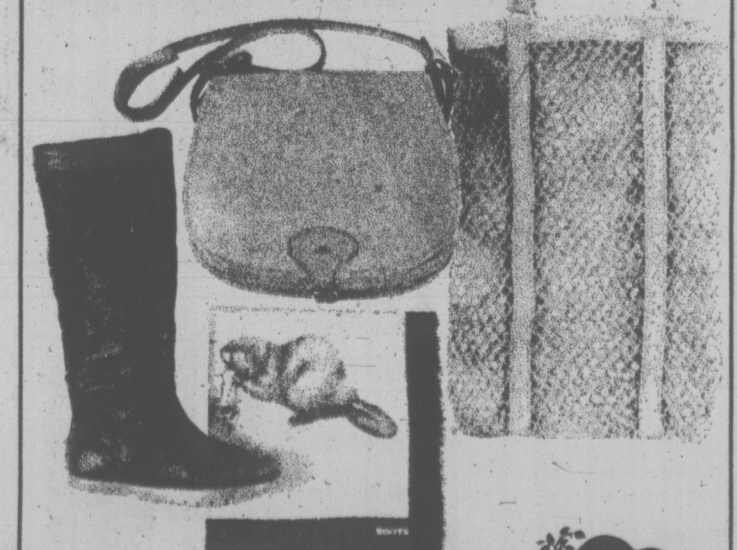


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Radical Change In Pulp Mills

VANCOUVER (CP) — North America's newsprint manufacturers are rushing to invest in a new pulp process they say is more efficient and produces better paper than conventional methods.

The new system is thermo-mechanical pulp (TMP) processing, a development that Bruce Howe, vice-president of MacMillan Bloedel Ltd.'s pulp and paper group, says is "a quiet revolution" in the pulp industry.

Just seven months ago, MacMillan Bloedel's first thermo-mechanical pulp mill came on stream at Powell River. At a production capacity of 180,000 tons a year, it was briefly the largest TMP plant in North America.

Now it ranks sixth or seventh, says Howe, with the largest plant now — MacMillan-Rothsay — operating in New Brunswick. He says more plants are in the works.

Traditionally the wood pulp used in newsprint has been ground from whole logs, chemically treated to remove color and processed into a short fibre paper.

TMP processing used the normally discarded low-quality chips, and sawdust from the outer part of the log, saving the interior section for lumber. More of the log is used and better paper is produced from the longer TMP fibres.

"TMP is a new product," says Howe, "one we're trying to fit in with the revolution in

the newspaper industry, such as the move from hot to cold type and from metal to plastic plates."

Three Vancouver-area papers already have used TMP newsprint for their daily production. TMP usually is mixed with standard pulp in a blend to reduce cost.

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In just the last six weeks, General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. have recalled 770,000 vehicles to correct such problems as faulty fuel lines, ill-fitting fuel tank caps, weak steering attachment washers, defective shoulder belts and malfunctioning signal lights.

But the Big Three U.S. automakers that include Chrysler Corp. disagree with the federal assessment of their products during the last decade, contending there is no predominant cause of defects that result in recalling vehicles.

"I don't know how you can simply assess whose fault it is," said a GM spokesman, adding that "It's unfortunate when a safety defect arises, but rest assured if we find a defect we move quickly to correct it."

But Andrew Detrick, director of the Office of Defects Investigation for the National

Highway Transportation Safety Administration in Washington, says causes are definitive. Gilbert L. Watson, chief of consumer affairs for NHTSA, agrees.

"We have isolated the causes into two areas, design and quality control," Detrick says. "Quality control includes workmanship, quality of ma-

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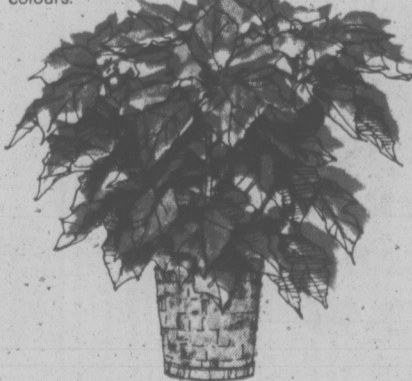
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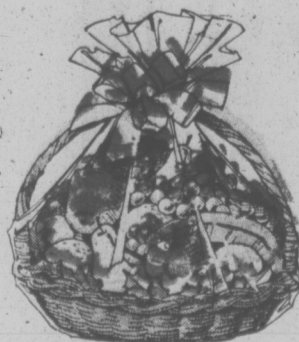


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Williams was one of the many deformed babies born in the late 1950s to mothers who had used the tranquilizer Thalidomide while pregnant.

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Williams, who lives in Portsmouth, said he was nervous during the trip to the registry office from Greenfield, N.H., where he is enrolled at the Crofted Mountain Rehabilitation Centre.

After Williams negotiated the 15-minute course through afternoon traffic in downtown Providence, an official gave him his license and showed him where to sign his name.

Williams sat down, took a pen between the toes of his right foot, and signed.

Besides driving and writing, Williams uses his legs and feet to shoot a bow and arrow and can sink basketballs from 20 feet.

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Four Women Say They're His Widow

COLUMBUS (UPI) — Officials are investigating the life of a man who may have left behind four widows when he was killed in a plane crash last week.

Franklin county prosecutor George Smith said Wednesday that Joseph Gordon Sharp, of

Gahanna, Ohio, has a family in Gahanna and one in Grosse Point Park, Mich.

Also, a woman from Montreal has notified officials that she is married to Sharp and a fourth woman from Chicago may also be involved with the dead man, Smith said.

"We have confirmed at least two families and we are investigating the reports of two more," said Smith.

Smith said Sharp was married to Helen Sharp of Gahanna in 1967 and has two children, Michael, 8 and Christina, 4.

He was also married to Mary Louise Sharp of Grosse Point Park, Mich., and had two children by that marriage, Smith said. The Michigan

woman told authorities she never divorced Sharp.

Authorities in Grosse Point Park said Mary Louise Sharp was "stunned" when informed of the man's death.

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SECRETS KEPT SECRET . . .

WASHINGTON (FP) — From a reporter's file of immortal quotes . . . this recent exchange with a Canadian Armed Forces public affairs officer about the three Canadian squadrons of aging "Woodoo" jet fighters assigned to NORAD.

Reporter: "How many planes are in a squadron?"

Officer: "I can't tell you, that's classified."

Reporter: "How many planes are there?"

Officer: "Forty-eight."

Reporter: "Then there's 16 planes per squadron."

Officer: "I'm not at liberty to say."

The assistant Soviet air attaché expelled from Canada for "activities incompatible with his diplomatic status" must have had his work cut out for him.

DES MOINES, Iowa — Courthouse secretaries have been ordered not to play Christmas music because it puts some jurors in such a good mood "they just don't want to convict anybody."

"It's tough enough to get a conviction at this time of the year when civilized people are in the Christmas spirit," Polk County attorney Ray Fenton said.

MONTREAL — A 22-year-old stripper with a soft spot in her heart for children organized a show at one of the city's strip clubs which raised more than \$2,000 for the Christmas fund of the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Fonda Peters, a contortionist and comedian, organized the Tuesday night extravaganza with 24 fellow strippers that left the hospital's fund-raising officer, Gordon MacDougall, "fiddled pink."

"We're delighted to see people taking an interest in our children," said Mr. MacDougall.

PARIS — A young woman paralyzed for life after being shot by her jealous husband has convinced a jury to release him from jail.

The forgiving wife, Anne-Marie Bancod, 24, told a court from her wheelchair: "I need my husband. There's no more love between us but there is much affection and tenderness. I need him more than any medicine."

So a jury Tuesday gave her 29-year-old car salesman husband, Robert Bancod, a five-year suspended sentence. He had already spent 10 months in detention awaiting trial.

Mrs. Bancod, who has lost the use of her legs, told the court that her husband shot her in a jealous rage after she admitted to having flirted with a colleague in her office.

HAYES, England — Two robbers carrying a Christmas tree to hide a sawed-off shotgun took 137,000 from a bank security guard Wednesday.

They dropped the tree before fleeing in a waiting car.

LOS ANGELES — Henry Kissinger next Tuesday will become the first "honorary" member of the Harlem Globetrotters Basketball Team in its 50-year history. But the U.S. secretary of state is wondering how he'll look in short pants.

"I'm not too good at the fast break, but I'm strong on defence," Kissinger wrote in a letter of thanks. "My only worry is how I will look in short pants."

LONDON — Conservative member of Parliament Hugh Fraser divorced his wife, author Lady Antonia Fraser, on Wednesday on grounds of adultery.

Lady Antonia, 43, did not contest the divorce.

The Frasers were married 20 years ago and have six children.

Lady Antonia, 43, daughter of former Socialist minister Lord Longford, has written best-selling biographies of Mary Queen of Scots and Oliver Cromwell.

OTTAWA — Prince Charles will visit Alberta in July, Government House announced today.

He will take part in celebrations marking the centennial of a treaty signing between July 5 and July 8.

During the visit, Prince Charles will be made a Kanai chief and will open the annual Calgary Stampede.

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STAY FOR LESS PAY, WELFARE ASKS HELP

Welfare administrators from seven lower mainland municipalities who may be forced to take pay cuts up to \$10,000 next year have been asked to remain on the job until March 31, 1975.

John Noble, deputy minister of human resources, said that 11 administrators have been asked to keep working while the government prepares to take over welfare administration in the municipalities Jan. 1.

The government earlier announced that although all union employees involved in the takeover would retain their jobs, the administrators would have to apply in open competition for positions as administrators for the province and the result could be pay cuts of up to \$10,000 a year.

The seven municipalities affected are Richmond, Surrey, Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam, North Vancouver and West Vancouver.

Tories Coming Back—Wallace

VERNON (CP) — Many Conservatives who voted Social Credit in the last provincial election are disillusioned with the present government and are gradually returning to the fold, according to provincial leader Scott Wallace.

But Wallace said party growth is not advancing as fast as he would like.

In an interview, Wallace said he will step down as leader unless the party shows "substantial" advances and progress in the next election.

DRUG TERM

TORONTO (CP) — Wilfred Derch, 26, of Powell River, B.C., has been sentenced to 18 months in prison after pleading guilty to drug charges dating back three years.

He said that despite the election of an anti-socialist government, which he calls a disguised provincial liberal party, industry is loath to move to B.C. He said the province is making no economic progress under Social Credit and the government's own statistics show industry is continuing to leave the province.

He again criticized car insurance rate increases, increased hydro rates, higher ferry fares and the increase in the provincial sales tax to seven per cent from five per cent.

Wallace predicted control over agricultural land may soon be handed to the municipalities and regional districts, with disastrous results. He said local politicians are often influenced by developers into making bad decisions.

The Name Sounded Like Seno, Says Witness

NANAIMO (CP) — A defence witness at the county court trial of Ronald T. Mensing testified Wednesday she had seen Mensing with a man whose name sounded like Seno about the time an accident claim for a man named Seno was being processed.

Mensing, former Insurance Corp. of British Columbia manager at Port Alberni, is charged with fraud and theft in connection with a motor vehicle accident claim processed by him in early 1975.

Lorie Gauvreau, Mensing's former secretary who now lives near Ottawa, told the court Wednesday she saw Mensing with a short, stocky,

dark-complexioned man in late January or early February of that year. She said his name sounded like Sanyo and he spoke a foreign language.

The man was very rude and excited at the time, said Gauvreau, who was the first witness to testify that Mensing had met with a man

whose name sounded like Seno's.

The questioned accident claim involved vehicles owned by Giovanni Seno of Winnipeg and Harry Havard, an auto body shop owner at Port Alberni.

The crown alleges the mishap never took place and

witnesses, including Havard, have said they lied to ICBC insurance investigators out of friendship for, and as favor to, Mensing. Havard has told the court that he and his car were in Kamloops at the time of the accident.

RCMP in both Port Alberni and Parksville have no record

of the accident for which \$3,715.60 in cash was given to Mensing to pay Seno for the ICBC claim.

No trace of Seno has been found.

Antonio Senno, a prosecution witness, told the court Wednesday he was the only person named Senno that he

knew of in the northern portion of Vancouver Island.

Ronald Mensing Jr., son of the accused and a collection officer from Cranbrook, said that at the request of his father he had spent several months searching for Giovanni Seno throughout Canada but Seno throughout Canada.

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| 1 1/2 oz. pkg. golden pound cake mix | whipped |
| | Glace fruit |
- Make up pie filling according to package instructions using 1-3/4 cups of milk. Cover surface with wax paper. Chill.
 - Bake pound cake in a 9" x 3" round cake pan until done. Cool.
 - Mix rum with fruit cocktail and allow to stand, covered, while cake and pie filling are cooling.
 - Slice top off cake and hollow out leaving a 1" wall at sides and 1/2" at base.
 - Drain fruit cocktail and mix together fruit and pie filling. Soak cake with fruit juice and rum mixture. Fill hollowed out centre with pie filling. Replace top of cake and cover with whipped cream. Garnish with Glace fruits.
- NOTE: Crumbs from centre of cake can be used in the trifle.
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CHRISTMAS PARFAIT

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| 1. 7-1/2 oz. pkg. Shirriff Lemon Pie Filling | 3/4 cup cake crumbs |
| 1 1/4 oz. can whole berry cranberry sauce | 1 cup whipped cream |
| | Glace cherries |
- Prepare pie filling according to package directions using only 1-3/4 cups water. Cover surface with wax paper and chill.
 - When cold, beat in 3/4 cup whipped cream.
 - In parfait glasses layer lemon pie filling, cake crumbs and cranberry sauce. Repeat layers and garnish with whipped cream and glaze cherries.
- Serves 7.
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TRIFLE

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| 1. 5-1/4 oz. pkg. Shirriff coconut cream pie filling | 1 cup peeled grapes |
| 1/2 lb. pound cake | 1/2 cup raspberry jam |
| 1/3 cup sherry | 3/4 cup whipping cream |
| 1 10 oz. can mandarin orange segments | whipped |
| | red and green glaze cherries |
- Prepare pie filling according to package directions, cover surface with waxed paper and cool.
 - Drain mandarin orange segments and mix juice with Sherry.
 - Crumble cake and place half in the bottom of a 1-1/2 qt. deep dish (clear glass if possible); sprinkle with half Sherry mixture. Spread with half the jam and cover with half the orange segments and grapes.
 - Repeat with remaining half of ingredients.
 - Cover with pie filling (it doesn't matter if it's still slightly warm).
 - When completely cool, cover with whipped cream and garnish with red and green glaze cherries.
- Serves 6-8.
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CHOCOLATE LOG CAKE

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| 1. 5-1/2 oz. pkg. Shirriff Chocolate Cream Pie Filling | 1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped |
| 1-1/2 cups milk | 1/4 cup shredded coconut |
| 1 recipe for Jelly Roll Sponge | Red and green glaze cherries |
- Prepare pie filling according to package directions using 1-1/2 cups milk. Cover surface with waxed paper and chill.
 - Make up jelly roll sponge in 10-1/2 x 15-1/2 x 1" jelly roll pan. Turn out and cut off crispy edges.
 - Mix together half of whipped cream with 1/2 cup of chocolate pie filling. Spread over sponge and roll up.
 - Mix remaining pie filling and cream and spread over rolled up sponge, including ends. Use cut off edges to make 'stump' on log.
 - Rough up surface with fork and sprinkle top of log with coconut to simulate snow. Decorate with red and green glaze cherries.
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GAS HIKE HEARING ON

SMITHERS (CP) — The British Columbia Energy Commission opened hearings here Wednesday into a Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. application to increase natural gas prices for consumers in northwestern B.C.

Pacific Northern told then three-man commission the increase has been necessitated by the closure of the Canadian Cellulose Ltd. Mill in Prince Rupert.

Company officials testified the gas company needed an additional \$5 million in revenue—\$1.2 million to offset the loss of the Canadian Cellulose consumption and \$3.8 million to cover increased cost of service.

Lawyers for the company and Canadian Cellulose disagreed over whether the mill was contractually bound to pay for its ordered volumes of gas despite the closure. Although Pacific Northern has billed the mill for its gas, Canadian Cellulose has refused to pay since the mill closed.

The town of Smithers told the commission it opposed the application because company figures suggest Pacific Northern will actually earn increased revenues from Canadian Cellulose.

The mill has been closed

Towing Pact Aired

VANCOUVER (CP) — The city's legal department will make another attempt to draft specifications for Vancouver's towing contract.

The city's vehicles-for-hire board spent about five hours Wednesday meeting with representatives of towing companies to discuss what requirements the city should put into its tender. Legal staff were instructed to consider all points raised and draft a new set of specifications.

A new city towing contract was to go into effect earlier this month, but was cancelled because of confusion and alleged irregularities in the winning bid. Council had awarded the contract to Unitow Services Ltd., but cancelled that decision after the losing bidder, Busters', raised questions about the Unitow bid.

Council decided to call for new bids after deciding that the few trucks Unitow had available weren't the trucks listed in the company's original tender.

Matters discussed by the Board Wednesday included such issues as what sort of radio communication system will be required of bidders, what form of contract will be required between bidding companies and independent truck owner-drivers and what rates should be.

The city's towing contract covers cars towed from streets for parking offences and other vehicles being towed at the request of police.

Pilot Happy

BELLA BELLA (CP) — Bad weather was keeping pilot Robert Ulrich from flying his Cessna 150 out of this north coastal community Wednesday, but he said it was a great community to be stranded in.

"I've got 200 invitations for dinner and there is a dance tonight to go to," he said in an interview.

He said the visibility was about one-half mile and heavy rain was keeping him from leaving the community where he made what he termed a "routine emergency landing" Tuesday on a soccer field.

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Shoppers Still Flock South of Border

BELLINGHAM (CP) — A survey of markets, stores and banks here shows that devaluation of the Canadian dollar and a provincial government campaign to keep shoppers in British Columbia have had little effect on the flow of Canadian shoppers.

"They (B.C. shoppers) will be down next weekend to shop for their Christmas dinner

and most stores are looking forward to a record turnover," said a spokesman for Albertsons food centres.

Last weekend, two of every three cars outside Bellingham shopping centres had B.C. licence plates.

Merchants say the average weekend shopping list is \$50 to \$60, but expect that to double this weekend.

A key attraction is turkey, at about 75 cents a pound. Canadians are limited to one bird a person and must pay 12½ per cent duty. Turkeys 20 pounds or more were advertised today at one supermarket chain in Vancouver for 95 cents a pound.

Biggest meat sellers are pork and pork products.

Prices are low because there is a surplus in the United States, and Canadians pay no duty on pork.

Many residents here say that Canadians have forced grocery prices so high that they are forced to go to Mount Vernon, about 30 miles south of here. Bellingham is about 50 miles south of Vancouver.

A growing number of Canadians are shopping at home through a Montgomery Ward catalogue.

"They phone in their order and then drive down later in the day to pick it up," a spokesman for the store said. "Toys and watches are the most popular items this Christmas."

JACKSON DUE HERE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Henry M. Jackson, (Dem.-Wash.) said Wednesday he will meet Monday with premier Bennett of British Columbia in Victoria.

The meeting is part of continuing discussions between the two countries in the areas of agriculture, the environment and energy.

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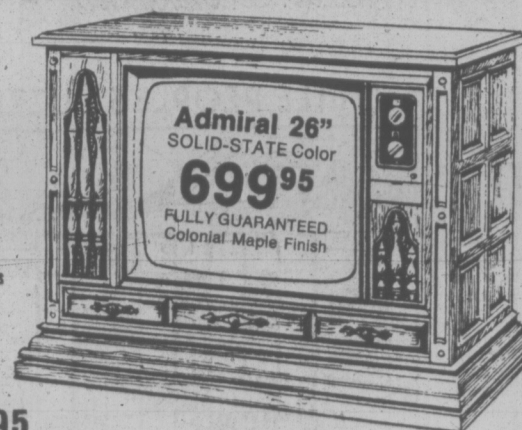
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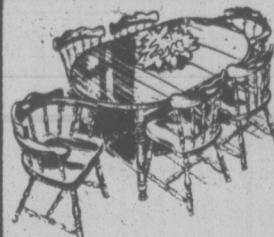
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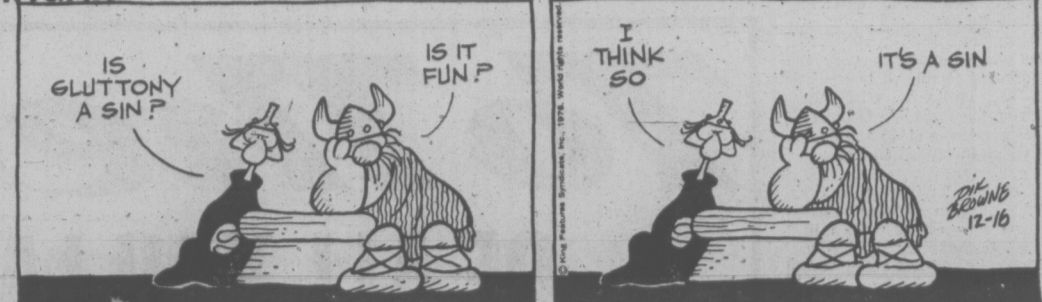


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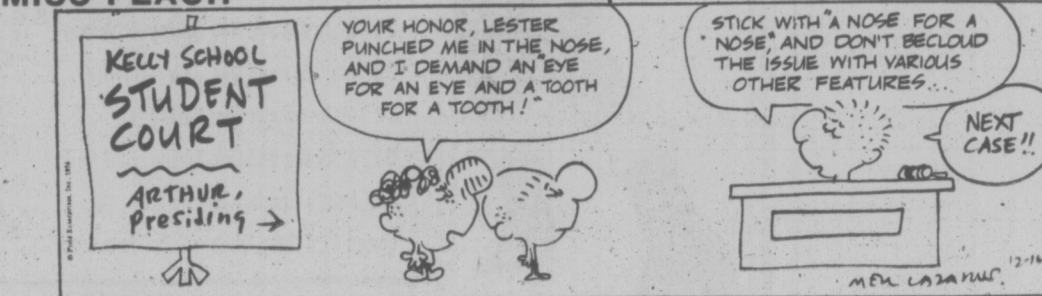
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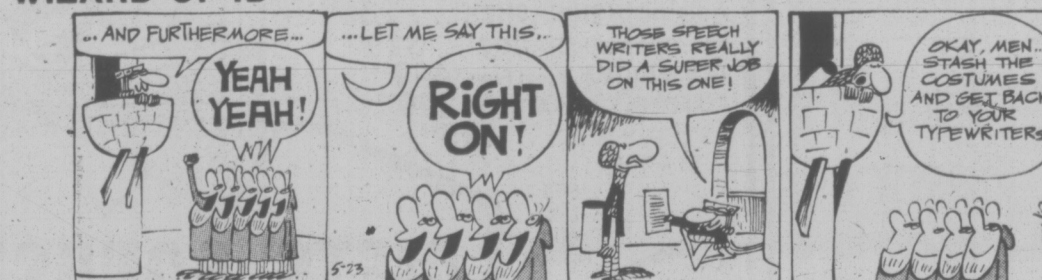
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APARTMENT 3-G



NANCY



MARK TRAIL



The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

When today's deal was played, our West defender got off to a gambling lead which, on the face of it, appeared to give declarer a present of a trick. But, as subsequent events proved, the lead led declarer completely astray, and brought about his demise. The hand was played in a rubber-bridge game.

NORTH
♦ KJ7
♥ AK6
♦ Q9
♠ KQ1094

EAST
♦ A652
♥ Q94
♦ 1043
♠ 742

SOUTH
♦ 1083
♥ J9852
♦ AJ106
♠ J

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♠.

West had a difficult choice of leads, with every suit but spades having been bid. To lead the ace of spades didn't seem right, with North, having jumped to two notrump on his rebid, rating to have the spade king. So he elected to open the spade deuce.

Quite normally, the seven was played from dummy, and East, little dreaming that his partner had underled the ace, put up the nine, hoping that West had the ten, and that South would be compelled to capture the trick with the ace. But South won the trick with the ten-spot.

Dummy's ace and king of trumps were cashed next, declarer having the good fortune to catch the queen. A third trump lead to South's jack picked up East's ten-spot. The jack of clubs was now led, West winning with his ace.

West then led another low spade. As South viewed the setup, it appeared as though West started with the queen of spades and East with the ace. So he inserted dummy's jack. Naturally East put up the queen, which won the trick (to his surprise). He next led another spade to West's ace.

West now made the killing play when he returned his remaining spade, the only one left in the deck. South, of course, won the trick by trumping, but he was unable to reach dummy to cash the four high clubs. So he had to lose a diamond trick to East's king, and incur a one-trick set.

In post-mortem analysis, South could have fulfilled his contract in many different ways. But the fact is that he didn't.

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ANSWERS TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

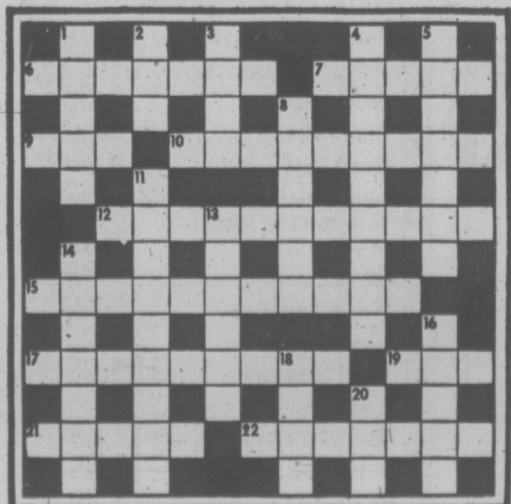
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7 Expostulation
8 Seraphic
9 Yank
10 Arrows
12 Errors
14 Get out
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DOWN
1 Dote
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4 Retiring
5 One way
6 Tomato
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8 Owns
9 Meet

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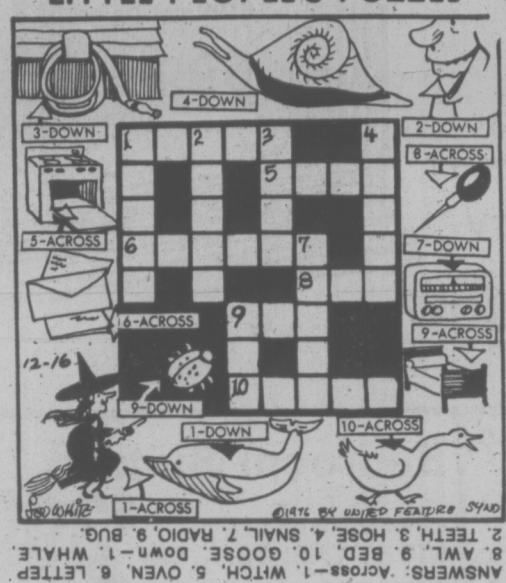
ACROSS
6 Sailors love to go astray grant a pardon (7)
7 It's worth changing the cast (5)
9 and 14 Dn. Rancour caused by disease? (3-7)
10 Once I star in different model gowns (9)
12 Behaves capriciously on the stage? (4,3,4)
15 It's on hand to show a match has been struck (7-4)
17 This can sound like a row of Victorias! (5-4)
19 See 13 Down
21 Victor has initial loss — it's not the best of shots (5)
22 See 3 Down

DOWN
1 See 5 Down
2 See 20 Down
3 and 22A. Fall down — because of the profit and loss account? (11)
4 This group was linked with servitude (5-4)
5 and 1 Dn. Make a ring showing no imperfections? (5,2,1,4)
8 Sire, it sounds more remote (6)
11 I made case for places of higher education (9)
13 and 19Ac. A place for one to retire to (6,3)
14 See 9 Across
16 A penny for one fruit (5)
18 Certainly not springtide (4)
20 and 2 Dn. Vehicle not sent back for the box (6)



SOLUTION FRIDAY

LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE



YOUR HOROSCOPE

Astrological Forecast for Friday, December 17.

By SYDNEY OMARR

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Dig deep — you may strike pay dirt. Some fantasies could become realities. Your position is stronger than might be imagined. Status quo gets a shakeup — cash flow resumes. Surprise element is featured. Romantic relationship takes on "new life."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Partnership agreements — cooperative efforts are subject to abrupt change. You find that previous plans need review. Legal concerns are evident. Rights, permissions should be checked. Aries, Libra and Scorpio figure prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Strive to express yourself in meaningful, "heartfelt" manner. Members of opposite sex lend major support. Your views, intentions have long-range effect — if playing games, get out. If serious, the sky can be the limit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Creativity is emphasized. Nothing occurs halfway — it now is apt to be all or nothing. Relationship intensifies. Commitments are stronger. Check Gemini message. You feel, have fun, imprint style; you will be "in touch" with contemporary thought, ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The loose ends. Finish what you start. Close transaction. Insist on others living up to their obligations. Don't take risks with your own security. There could be hidden clause in legal document. Beware. Fascinating encounter indicated at social function.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relative who appeared pugnacious now seems eager to make peace. Be receptive. Accent on short trip, message, humor, scattering of forces. You're asked to review course of action. If your approach is dedicated, thorough you gain valuable ground.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If libral, you uncover loophole. Money picture is bright if you give free rein to intellectual curiosity. Ask questions. Reject superficial answers. Member of opposite sex can become valuable ally — if you so permit. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius are part of scenario.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Aura of excitement prevails. Change, charged atmosphere — these are featured. Take lead — imprint style, personality. Trust hunch — follow through on decision. You gain rare insights and can profit from them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Much that happens is subdued — discretion is order of the day. Keep promise to one confined to home or hospital. Relative is very much involved. Lost object is located. You're asked to partake of "gift buying conspiracy."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Accent on unusual arrangements involving friends. Surprise is featured — and it could be very pleasant. Cancer — and another Capricorn — figure prominently. Money you regarded as "long gone" comes back into your account.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Recognition, authority, added prestige indicated. You're asked to suggest, lead, control community or civic project. Aries, Libra could be part of scenario. You get what you've been seeking. Neatly-wrapped package creates aura of intrigue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emphasis on mailing messages, cards. Long-distance calls are made, received. Open lines of communication. Stress new ways, independence originality. Leo, Aquarius persons figure prominently. News from one confined to home, hospital is favorable.

IF DECEMBER 17th IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you are — out of cycle which featured — disappointments, trials and errors. You will be on your feet financially, emotionally — September will be a highlight month for you in 1977. You are resilient, passionate, a dedicated, creative individual. Cancer, Capricorn persons play important roles in your life. You meet "important" person in December — the 18th and 27th of this month are most significant in this connection.

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By J. A. H. HUNTER

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COLEMAN - Born to Wayne and Gwen Coleman (nee Jones), a baby son, Clint Robert, 9 lbs. 3 ozs., on December 7th, 1976. A Christmas surprise for his two sisters, Corina and Sandra. First grandson for Mr. and Mrs. Brian Whitaker also of Victoria. A very special thanks to Dr. Brian Whitaker and J. Graham Marrill (Inures).

DANIEL - Born to Peter and Betty, a son, Graham John, 8 lbs. 3 ozs., on December 10th, 1976. Thanks to Dr. Baker, Dr. Gough, and staff at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

MCCREA - Born to Richard and Vicki, a girl, Tiffani Denise, 8 lbs. 12 ozs., on December 1st, 1976. Our thanks to Dr. N. Rivers, Dr. L. E. Horne, Dr. H. McCaughy, and maternity staff at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

MORENCY - Born to Carol and Jacobus, a boy, Sean Malcolm, 8 lbs. 9 ozs., on December 7th, 1976. Thanks to Dr. Robinson and staff at Victoria General Hospital.

SUTHERLAND - Born to Bob and Connie (nee Murdoch), a girl, Brandy Louisa, 8 lbs. 12 ozs., on December 12th, 1976. Thanks to Dr. D. W. Madill and maternity staff at Royal Jubilee Hospital. Special thanks to Auntie Jenny and Uncle Pat.

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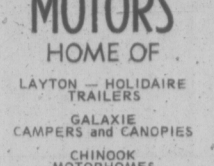
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His TV Backdrops Cost \$25

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anthony Montenegro, a set decorator newly arrived to television, thought the musical number being filmed

needed a better backdrop. So he asked his boss for \$25 a week.

The money rented a truckload of props for Montenegro to fashion into a bunkhouse set for Merle Travis, or a living room for Sarah Vaughn.

It was 1950 and Montenegro, usually employed in movies, was working for Snader Television Corp. because few movies were being produced at the time. Snader, now defunct, made three-minute programs. Each episode featured a major singer or musician of the day performing a single number, usually in front of the same drab curtain flanked by a couple of potted plants.

"Asking for the money was what you might call self-preservation," recalled Montenegro, who started in show business as a prop man in 1934. "I wanted television to succeed. We had all the techniques from motion pictures. But there was no money."

The big shows were just starting in 1950. One of the first rating battles was raging that year between CBS's Ed Sullivan Show and NBC's Colgate Comedy Hour. Howdy Doody entertained the kids every afternoon and comedian Milton Berle, Mr. Television, had been on the tube for two years.

"People would watch anything in those days; they even liked the commercials," recalls Montenegro, now 61.

He still works as a set decorator, sometimes in television, sometimes in movies "where there is more time to do things right." But wherever he works, his budget is bigger than \$25 a week—like up to \$40,000 for a single major TV production.

Montenegro came to Hollywood during the Depression when jobs were hard to find and to hold. But he managed to keep working, first in props and then as a stunt man. He got into movie set decorating in the late '30s, then into television in its earliest days.

In 1951 and 1952, Montenegro

moved into the burgeoning world of weekly series and dressed the sets for I Love Lucy and Ozzie and Harriet.

In those days, Lucy's husband wouldn't just come home. He'd almost be sure to announce, "Lucy, I'm home."

"They were still using radio scripts. Little by little it became more like the movies. Television had all the movies' early mistakes to learn from."

Since the early '60s, most of Montenegro's television decorating has been for made-for-TV movies. He operates as a freelancer.

Occasionally he designs the sets himself, but usually he works from the designs of others, gathering props and materials for the finished set.

"We beg, borrow or steal what we need," he said.

Montenegro's home life reflects the curious meld of show business and craft. His wife Antonette explains that the furnishings at home are the result of her husband's decorating craft. The dining room table was purchased after it was no longer needed in the television living room of Lucy's neighbor, Fred Mertz.

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Here's Something To Yodel About

BRAMPTON, Ont. (CP) — Recently Don Reynolds was astonished to read in the Guinness Book of Records that Bill Gore of Birmingham, England, claimed a world record for yodelling non-stop for five hours and three minutes.

Mr. Reynolds, who had considered himself the uncontested world champion since 1950, subsequently learned that a Kentucky man had broken the Gore record by 21 minutes in January, 1976.

The Brampton yodeller could take no more. His manager, Bernie Livingston, consulted Guinness to obtain the information needed for a record attempt. And on a Saturday late in November, the upstarts were put in their place.

By the time the 50-year-old artist had completed his performance, the record stood at seven hours and 29 minutes, more than two hours beyond the previous mark.

"I'm proud and pleased that I've brought the title to Canada," said Mr. Reynolds, who has had a long career as a yodeller and western singer.

"If anyone beats the record, I want to know about it and I'll go and beat them again. I don't think it will be beat, though."

He began yodelling in his late teens to amuse his fellow crew members on Canadian Pacific steamships. A Swiss yodeller, he says he is the only person alive capable of a five-tone yodel, which won him the world championship at the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver in 1950.

His photo album shows a younger and slimmer Don Reynolds yodelling for the Duke and Duchess of Windsor aboard the liner United States in 1955 and for the king and queen of Morocco in 1961, winning the United States national title in 1956 and meeting such country stars as Marty Robbins, Gene Autry, Eddie Arnold and Roy Clark.

In his prime, he was a regular on the Saturday Night Jamboree television show, which was shot in Washington, and he starred in CTV's Cross-Canada Barn Dance in 1961.

He had small movie parts in She Wore a Yellow Ribbon, with John Wayne, and Eureka Stockade, with Peter Finch. In the late 1960s he and his wife worked as a singing group billed as the Don and Cindy Show in which he sang country songs, embellished with yodelling, and she sang popular songs.

He had been content to leave his professional career behind him when the Guinness matter came up.

"When I heard it had to be all yodelling with no singing in between, I thought, no way, no way," he said. "Even one minute is a long time."

But by the time the record try was broadcast by CFPM radio in Mississauga, Ont., he had built up his confidence.

"I thought, I can go longer and win it by a landslide. Then, when I got to seven hours, I thought, I must have reserve power."

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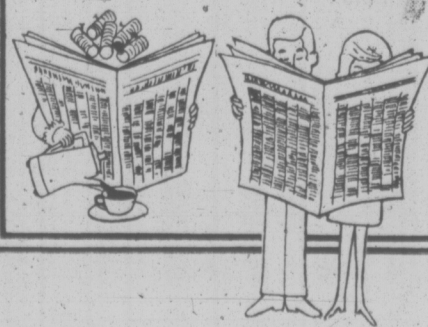
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Partitioning—See Schedule B of Office Space Tender Form.
Occupancy Date—January 15, 1977.
Term—6 months with option for further 6 months on a month to month basis on the same terms and conditions.
Location—Downtown Victoria.

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Location—Within 4 blocks of New Government Building at corner of Pandora and Blanshard.

Proposal C—To include both proposals A and B within the same building.

Office Space Tender Form must be obtained from the Superintendent of Public Works' office. Sealed Office Space Tender Forms will be received up to 2:00 P.M. Friday, December 24, 1976 at the Office of the Superintendent of Works, Public Works Division, 805 Cloverdale Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia.

The lowest or any offer will not necessarily be accepted.

G. L. GILES
Deputy Minister of Public Works.
December 1976

Malaysia Drug Trafficking Rises

By THAUNG MYINE
KUALA LUMPUR (Reuter)

Drug trafficking through Malaysia appears to be on the increase.

Law Minister Tan Sri Abdul Kadir Yusof is especially concerned over recent large seizures of drugs and arrests of traffickers with international connections. He said the capture of 31.5 pounds of pure heroin, worth \$4.3 million indicates that trafficking is on the increase.

Tan Sri Kadir said this also shows that Malaysia continues to be an international drug distribution centre.

Another cause for the minister's concern is the delay in

bringing arrested traffickers, including ringleaders, to trial under new security and drug laws that prescribe the death sentence or life imprisonment.

"There are about 20 cases which carry such penalties but not one of them has gone on trial in the high courts yet, although preliminary inquiries in some cases have been completed," he said.

"The minister said he fears that delay in bringing arrested drug-runners to justice may demoralize the officials who had worked hard to arrest them."

The chief of criminal investigation in Perak state on the

Thai border, assistant police commissioner Akil Adam, spoke about the painstaking police work involved in the capture of 12 pounds of heroin in the state capital of Ipoh last September and the arrest of two men with international links.

"We have been working on drug trafficking in the northern states of peninsular Malaysia for some time," he said.

"In the process, we have succeeded in making it difficult for the drug addicts to get their supply."

Tan Sri Kadir said delays in high-court trials of drug cases were due to preliminary inquiries in lower courts.

He said the government

would discuss appointing more judges of forming more courts to deal with pending drug cases.

Officials said hard drugs such as opium, morphine and heroin come to Malaysia mainly from Thailand and marijuana from Indonesia's Sumatran islands opposite Penang.

Malaysian drug merchants, who usually operate a legitimate business as a front, have direct connections with traffickers in Thailand and the so-called Golden Triangle — the no man's land where Burma, Laos and Thailand converge and about 800 tons of opium are produced annually.

B.C. MAN BUILDS BETTER MOUSETRAP

QUESNEL (CP) — Local mice are hopping, skipping and splashing to their doom here, victims of a breakthrough in mousetraps that could make a fortune for its inventor.

Ted MacDonald's trap is easy on bait, self-cleaning and kills an unlimited number of mice on a single charge of its miracle ingredient—water.

Mr. MacDonald, assistant manager of a building supply store in this central interior town, devised the trap.

Its key component is a tin can, which is mounted off-centre on a rod suspended

across the top of a pail of water.

Mr. MacDonald baits the end of the can—cheese or bread works best—sets a board in place between the floor and the lip of the pail and waits.

The mice walk the plank, hop to the edge of the can and are dumped to a watery grave. The can swings back into place, ready for the next victim.

Mr. MacDonald is pleased with his prototype, but says he won't go into production until the unit is "either inflatable or transistorized."

VIOLINS MADE WITH MANURE

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (UPI) — A Texas A & M chemist says more than wood went into the violins produced by the old masters.

Dr. Joseph Nagyvary, an expert in biochemistry and biophysics, said craftsmen in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries probably used readily available ingredients, such as blood, beer and manure to finish the instruments.

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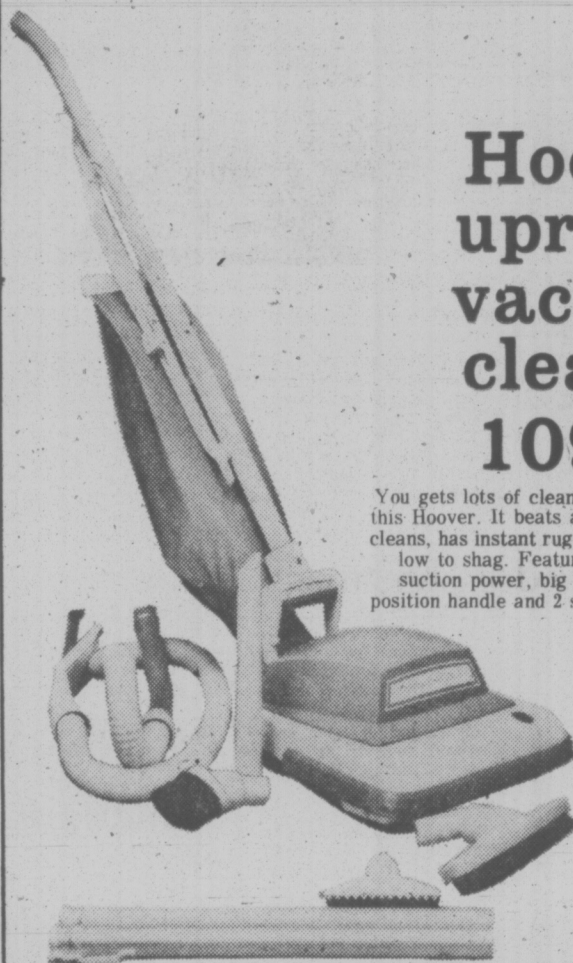


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Laotian 'New Life' Taught to U.S. Style Riff-Raff

By BRIAN EADS
Washington Post

VIENTIANE, Laos — Once they were known as Monkey Island and Love Island, but all the monkeys and most of the love are gone.

Now they are called Man Island and Woman Island and they are prison camps where, in an idyllic setting, the new Communist rulers of Laos are attempting to rehabilitate what they see as the riff-raff left behind by the years of American involvement here.

The islands sit behind the Nam Ngum hydro-electric dam, 40 miles north of Vientiane, in a vast man-made lake where petrified trees reach up through the bottle-green water like the frantic fingers of so many drowning giants. It is to these islands that the new rulers of Laos send their drug addicts, prostitutes, hooligans, card sharps and what they characterize as the "victims of the evils of the former regime."

The islands have been compared to lush tropical resorts, and, indeed, when you step ashore two lines of chubby fresh-faced young women in traditional wrap around "phsarong" skirts are there to greet you with swaying hips and the lilting rhythms of denunciation of "American neo-colonialist imperialism" and gratitude of the "new life."

The settlements were built in March this year and the first batch of 1,500 "victims" were shipped in on April 9. Now, they have a population of about 2,000-1,500 on Don Tau, the island for men, and about 500 on Don Nang, the women's island.

It is a long way from the life most of them have known. Gone are the flared denims and the shoulder-length hair. There is no makeup for the young women, no corrupting Western music, no subversive Western literature, and as several miles of open water separate the sexes, no promiscuity.

Instead, it is out of bed at 5 a.m. for a day of basket weaving and embroidery, tending the vegetables on the terraced slopes, and, most important, studying the eight compulsory texts.

"I know that a lot of what we study is taken from Marx and Lenin," said Kansang, a plain, 23-year-old former teacher who arrived six weeks ago. She says she was brought to Don Nang because she had been only interested in "a life of luxury."

Now she says she is "very angry with the Americans who brought us that way of life which we're having so much trouble getting rid of."

The bright young man from the foreign ministry said he had known Kansang for many years. "I warned her to be have correctly under the new regime," he said, "but every night she was going with her boyfriend to restaurants, nightclubs and the movies. It's all right once a week, or

once a month, but not every night."

Like the other young people on the island, she will stay until her lessons are learned well. "They can leave any time they like," an official said, "but unless they have papers saying they've understood the 'new life,' they'll be sent back."

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impoverished parents, it seems to be a welcome change.

For many others, it is little more than an idyllic suburban prison camp. Informed sources in Vientiane say that about 70 people have escaped from the islands since they opened, and many of those considered to have successfully completed their courses have since fled across the Mekong River into Thailand. One young man taken there because of his dealings on the

black market is now back in business, albeit more discreetly.

Recruits for the islands are chosen by local authorities and the newly recruited "militia" and there are many com-

plaints that personal vendettas are being pursued, and that, in the case of the girls, resentful Lao men are pointing the finger at them simply because they had relationships with foreigners.

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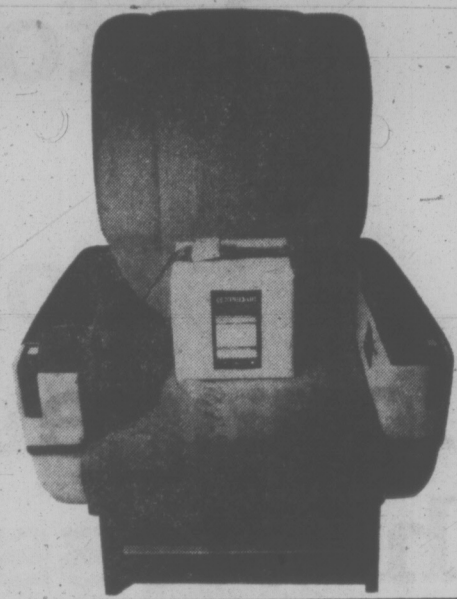
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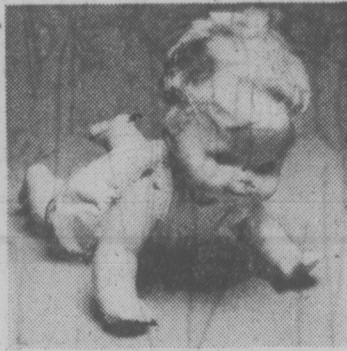
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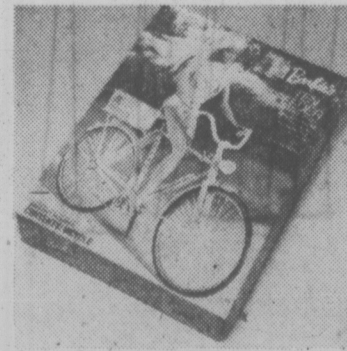
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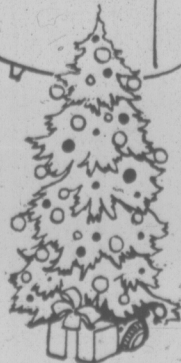
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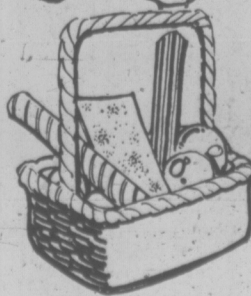
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Victoria Flight Crashes Into Sea

An Airwest Airlines Twin Otter with 16 people aboard was forced to land in the sea this morning about four miles south of Victoria.

A rescue co-ordination centre spokesman said all 16 took to the water in life jackets and were eventually picked up by a U.S. coast guard helicopter.

However, the helicopter's rotor was damaged during the rescue and the survivors were later taken aboard a pilot boat and brought to Victoria harbor.

It was not known what caused the aircraft, which was on its way to Victoria from Vancouver, to go into the water.

Lt. Dick Pepper, a Canadian Forces spokesman, said the aircraft radioed that it had landed on the water but issued no general distress call. Visibility in the area was reported poor, with light wind and seas.

A total of three helicopters and four unidentified boats were involved in the rescue.



SANTA COMES to everyone, including Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau who, along with wife Margaret, ponders contents of gift-wrapped package presented Wednesday at Liberal Christmas party in Ottawa. Santa is Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan. Box is too big for a dozen eggs but obviously not large enough for another swimming pool at 24 Sussex Drive, the Trudeau's Ottawa address.

BABY BONUS HIKE SEEN

OTTAWA (CP) — Family allowance payments are expected to be increased Jan. 1, but the amount of the increase has not yet been set, a welfare department official said Wednesday. Fitness Minister Iona Campagnolo has forecast an eight per cent increase.

No Postal Strike Over Christmas

OTTAWA (CP) — Members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) will not strike before Christmas, but beyond that the future is uncertain, union president Joe Davidson said today.

Leaders of the 22,000-member union had threatened a strike if the latest round of intensive bargaining failed to resolve the long-running dispute over technological change in the post office.

Mr. Davidson announced at a news conference today that the talks "have failed miserably."

However, CUPW executives decided at a meeting late Wednesday there will be no work stoppages during the Christmas period because "neither the public nor our members want to see the holiday season spoiled that way, regardless of our frustrations and the merits of our case."

"So it will not be spoiled," Mr. Davidson said. Union leaders had entered the new round of talks Dec. 6 in good faith and "to the Canadian people I say that we honestly and sincerely tried to find a way to resolve this dispute... to the point of nearly appearing too weak."

Mr. Davidson, his voice hoarse, said the union had divided the problems arising from technological change into two categories—with the first group to be resolved immediately and the second to be deferred to the next round of bargaining.

"Subject to this, we proposed that the next official round of bargaining begin in January and that the schedule altered to minimize the adverse effects on employees of technological changes be during the bargaining period."

FROM FAR-AWAY 'AUNTS'

Boy Finds 'Treasure' In a Battered Box ...

The battered box containing Christmas gifts arrived two months late.

This was February and the parcel had been one of the casualties of last year's Canadian postal strike.

The place was a home in Lesotho, built with money sent by a Montreal family.

The recipient of the parcel was one of the 15 orphaned or abandoned boys who have found sanctuary in the home.

Dr. Lotta Hirschmanova was there when the starry-eyed boy examined the treasures sent him by his sponsors, a women's institute in Alberta.

"Every single item that came out of that battered box was tremendous treasure," she reports. "But the greatest thrill of all was the loving letter, written by the women's institute's secretary."

"There he was, completely lost to the world, very slowly and patiently deciphering every single word, written to him in English in the name of

his many aunts half around the globe, who have taken this lonely boy into their hearts."

The boy she watched enjoying his own special Christmas is one of many foster children in Lesotho, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Nepal and Swaziland who owe their lives to sponsors found through the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.

It costs \$180 to sponsor a child, a big sum to many in these pre-Christmas days.

But smaller amounts can help provide food for the starving and medicines for the sick in the countries USCC helps.

The Victoria Times is once again sponsoring its annual campaign in support of the USCC with this year's target set at \$30,000.

Donations will be accepted at any branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. They can also be mailed care of the Victoria Times, P.O. Box 300, Victoria, or brought in directly to the business office at 2621 Douglas.

No Hydro Hurry

EDMONTON (CP) — Development of an additional hydro-electric project on the Peace River in northeastern British Columbia may not occur for another 11 years, a B.C. Hydro spokesman said Wednesday. Hydro is more likely to give priority to building a 500-megawatt thermal plant at Hat Creek in south-central B.C., he said.

WEATHER

Tonight, Friday:
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10-15% Oil Price Hike Predicted by OPEC

MANLEY SWEEP IN JAMAICA

KINGSTON (AP) — Jamaican voters gave a landslide endorsement to Prime Minister Michael Manley's socialist policies in an election Wednesday.

Unofficial returns early today gave Manley's People's National Party (PNP) 45 of the 60 seats in the House of Representatives and Edward Seaga's Jamaica Labor party

(JLP) six. Nine seats were undecided, but computer projections gave a division of 48 to 12.

The PNP held 35 seats and the JLP 15 in the outgoing 53-seat house.

At a celebration Wednesday night, Manley appealed for national unity after the most violent campaign in the Commonwealth island's 14 years of independence from Britain.

Unions Blast U.K. Austerity

Times News Services

LONDON — British trade union leaders today joined a nationwide storm of criticism of the Labor government's multi-billion dollar save-the-pound economy package. They called it disappointing and asked whether the government has "lost its political nerve."

The criticisms were voiced by Len Murray, general secretary of the 10 million member Trades Union Congress, after its powerful economic committee studied the package.

It was presented to Parliament Wednesday by Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey.

"The committee was disappointed with the package," Murray said. "We were asking ourselves if the government has lost its political nerve."

The storm raised by the government's economy package hurt sterling when Euro-

pean money markets opened today. The U.S. dollar also weakened against continental currencies.

Gold dropped \$1.50 in London to \$133.375 an ounce and was down in Zurich from \$134.875 to \$133.25.

The pound opened half a cent lower in London at \$1.663. In Zurich it dropped from 4.133 to 4.085 Swiss francs and in Frankfurt from 4.0350 to 3.9790 marks.

But in Washington, U.S. Treasury Secretary William E. Simon today hailed the British economic austerity program, designed to qualify the United Kingdom for a \$3.9 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund as "excellent," and said it represented a "sound and realistic strategy."

As outlined by Healey in a 25-paragraph "letter of intent" to the IMF, government spending will be cut by about \$2.4 to \$3.2 billion over a two-year period.

Oil Ship At Mercy Of Waves

BOSTON (AP) — The grounded oil tanker Argo Merchant, caught on the shoals of Nantucket Island, was at the mercy of the waves and the weather today, awaiting to be towed free.

U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Richard Griggs said there was a possibility the 640-foot Liberian tanker might break up if the weather becomes severe. The ship was carrying 7.5 million gallons of heavy industrial fuel oil.

The tanker ran aground Wednesday while sailing to Salem, Mass., from Venezuela. It spilled a shallow river of heavy oil into the sea, but it was not known whether the oil was from the ship's cargo or engines.

Coast guard Lieut. Herbert Williams said the spilling had stopped by Wednesday night but might start again if the vessel shifts. The oil was drifting northeast, away from land but heading toward the Georges Bank about 35 miles away, one of the world's richest commercial fishing grounds.

The ship ran onto the sandy Nantucket shoals in about 35 feet of water. None of the crew of 28 was injured but 20 were evacuated later by helicopter.

Griggs said the ship will have to be towed free, and "for that, we'll need good weather and a chance to unload some of her cargo onto another vessel."

"If my government thought 15 per cent would damage the economy of the west, we would not have proposed it," Amouzegar said. "It is our conviction, our belief, that 15 per cent is not going to damage the economy of the United States, Germany, Japan, and other major industrial countries."

Amouzegar said there are two or three countries in the European Common Market that might "suffer a bit" he mentioned Britain specifically — but said its difficulties would last only for a year, until it brings its own oil reserves on stream.

The government radio in Iran predicted a boost of 12.5 per cent.

MPs Line Up Freebies To Taiwan, Israel

TORONTO (CP) — Five Members of Parliament have accepted a free trip to Taiwan — whose Nationalist Chinese government Canada does not recognize — and 10 other MPs have accepted a free trip to Israel during the next few weeks, according to the Globe and Mail.

In an Ottawa dispatch the newspaper quotes Robert Smylie, whose public relations firm in Toronto organizes tours for the Nationalist Chinese government, as saying he collected five MPs for a six-day trip to Taiwan planned early in 1977.

It also says Israel is providing an eight-day trip with all expenses paid for 10 MPs, who are scheduled to arrive in Tel Aviv on Dec. 28.

Ralph Stewart, Liberal member for the Ontario riding of Cochrane, is on the list to go to Taiwan, the Globe and Mail says.

The newspaper quotes Herbert Breaux, Liberal MP for the new Brunswick riding of Gloucester, Aileen Nicholson, Liberal MP for Toronto-Trinity, James McGrath, Progressive Conservative MP for the Newfoundland riding of St. John's East and Lorne Nystrom, NDP member for the Saskatchewan riding of Yorkton-Melville, as saying that they have accepted trips to Israel.

Close Tanker Watch Vowed

VANCOUVER (CP) — Oil-laden tankers moving into a proposed pipeline terminal at Kitimat would be under constant supervision by crews ready to clean up any spill, said a Kitimat Pipeline Ltd. submission to the National Energy Board.

Tankers from Alaska and the Middle East would supply the pipeline's Kitimat terminal with oil to be shipped through Alberta's pipeline system to the midwest United States.

The company submissions admit that oil spills from tankers manoeuvring through the narrow channels to the proposed Kitimat terminal could seriously damage the marine and coastal environment.

The proposed tanker route

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NEWS BRIEFS

Raise Denied

COURTENAY (CP) — Teachers in the Comox Valley will not be receiving a raise in pay in 1977, a school district spokesman said today, because of a breakdown in arbitration proceedings.

Sword Stolen

PARIS (UPI) — Three masked burglars broke into the Louvre Museum at dawn today and stole the priceless diamond-studded sword of French King Charles X from a showcase.

Parole Denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Parole Commission has declined to give Watergate conspirator Howard Hunt a Christmas gift of freedom from prison, postponing for a month a decision on whether to grant his first bid for parole.

Protester Sick

SEATTLE (AP) — A Canadian protester against the Trident submarine base is in hospital because of the effects of a hunger strike. U.S. marshal Charles Robinson said Wednesday, Jim Douglass, of New Westminster was put in hospital Monday.

Clergyman Killed

SALISBURY (AP) — Security chiefs of the white-minority Rhodesian government said Wednesday night a black Methodist clergyman and his wife were killed during a "clash between government forces and black nationalist guerrillas."

Miki Quits

TOKYO (AP) — Premier Takeo Miki said Wednesday he will announce his resignation Friday, to take responsibility for his Liberal Democratic party's failure to win a parliamentary majority for the first time in 21 years.

Bombing Denied

DAMASCUS (UPI) — Syria today denied charges by Iraq that it masterminded the time bomb blast which ripped through Baghdad airport leaving at least three dead and many more injured.

RANSOM PAID

MUNICH (UPI) — Relatives of Richard Otter, son of one of Europe's largest food processors and ship-owners, paid \$8.77 million ransom to a group that kidnapped him, Munich police said today.

Police revealed the Otter kidnapping only after the ransom had been paid.

Richard Otter, 25, is one of six children of Rudolf August Otter, head of a food processing and shipowning

empire founded, by his grandfather.

The ransom money — 21 million marks — was paid in 1,000-mark notes packed in several suitcases, police said. It was handed over in the downtown area of Munich by a family member, police said.

Otter is a student at the Weihenstephan Agriculture Institute near Munich. Police said he was kidnapped in Freising, a town near the school 22 miles north of Munich.

an escort tug for the 170-mile trip to the terminal.

The company's submission says a "major uncontained spill could have serious and long-term adverse effects" on the environment, but the damage would not be irreversible.

A "worst-case" spill, however, could eliminate any or all of the five species of salmon in the area in a given year as well as seriously damage herring and shellfish stocks.

Heading up clean-up opera-

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50 More Beds Okayed For Helmcken Hospital

By DON VIVOND
Times Staff

Health Minister Bob McClelland has agreed to boost the size of the new hospital to be built on Helmcken Road from 250 to 300 beds, the Hospital and Health Planning Commission learned Wednesday night.

But it will be done at the expense of Victoria General Hospital, which the new hospital is being built largely to replace.

The 430-bed Victoria General, much of it obsolete, was to have been scaled down to 219 beds when the new hospital went up. Now it will be trimmed further, to 169 beds, McClelland said.

Last spring the health min-

ister not only over-ruled regional planners' choice for the new hospital site, he said it would initially have 250 beds instead of the 300 to 350 the planners favored.

His change of heart comes after a letter from the region's hospital consultant, Dr. Peter Hart of Agnew Peckham and Associates, who said the division of beds was not a realistic one when it came to delivering good health care.

The new hospital is not only to have Victoria General's emergency department but it is to be the regional obstetrical centre, with 66 beds devoted to that service.

In a letter to the commission, McClelland said he understands these problems and agrees to what is in effect

a transfer of beds, not an increase in the number.

The commission agreed that the consultant's report does not make clear whether he thinks 300 beds in the new hospital will be enough. The matter was referred back to him for further comment.

Meanwhile at an afternoon meeting, the Capital Region Board narrowly avoided a procedural roadblock on the controversial issue of the hospital site.

An amendment to View Royal's community plan, required to approve the Helmcken site, was adopted but not until all three Saanich directors had spoken against it and Oak Bay director Shirley Dowell indicated she almost did.

The amending bylaw required a two-thirds majority to pass and Dowell's negative vote along with Saanich would have been enough to defeat it and force a provincial cabinet order to approve the site.

The 34-acre Helmcken property, which lies just north of the Trans-Canada Highway in View Royal and cost \$325,000, was favored by a minority of regional directors in the vicinity. The majority and the region's planning staff favored a 25-acre site at Douglas and McKenzie, which would have cost \$1.75 million, but McClelland overruled that choice this week for the second time, partly on the matter of cost but also arguing the western sector must have health services too.

Directors Edd Lum, Fred Severson and Sandy Noel opposed the bylaw because they see Saanich facing more than \$1 million in future servicing costs to meet needs of the hospital near their boundary and so far the province has offered no help.

Lum said the Helmcken site is wrong because the western sector will need its own hospital eventually. Noel described McClelland's decisions as "bullying tactics."

Board chairman Jim Campbell said the Helmcken choice is a "dead issue" as far as he is concerned and the region's "slap in the face" came from McClelland last spring when the minister first said where the new hospital would go.

Addition Ready For Bids

Regional hospital planners were told Wednesday night that all documents needed before calling tenders on a 75-bed addition to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital have been sitting on Health Minister Bob McClelland's desk for a month.

The new wing expected to cost about \$5 million, has been in the planning stage two years. The first stage of the hospital on Mount Newton Crossroad in Central Saanich opened almost three years ago and has 75 beds for the long-term care of mostly elderly patients.

The Hospital and Health Planning Commission was told by member Jim Cumming that calling of bids only awaits McClelland's approval. The new wing is expected to open early in 1978 and will eventually replace Resthaven Hospital in Sidney.

Doug Watts, acting commission chairman, said that given the way senior governments operate, a month's delay isn't too bad.

The other major addition to the region's hospital beds at Glenagarry extended care hospital is still in the planning stage. It will see 150 beds added for long-term patients, with construction probably starting next year.

The commission was told there are 89 patients in Victoria's two general hospitals occupying but not needing acute care beds, stuck there because there is no place for them to go.

Play Ball, Campbell Tells Feds

Federal environment department officials will have to learn to play ball with local politicians if they want a marine technology centre at Patricia Bay, says Capital Region Board chairman Jim Campbell.

Campbell said officials have been arrogant and some became "rather abusive" in their dealings with regional officials.

Plans call for the centre to be built adjacent to the \$20.4 million Institute of Ocean Sciences across West Saanich Road.

Earlier this week, the institute's deputy director, Dr. Bill English, said opposition from the regional and municipal level is holding up the project, which could provide a much-needed boost to tax rolls and create jobs.

But Campbell said environment officials have refused to apply for a regional plan amendment to take the 40 acres out of the Agricultural Land Reserve.

"They flatly refused to do this," he said. "They have to learn to clear their intentions with local authorities. All I'm saying to the bloody federal government is they have a responsibility to recognize local governments."

He said he had made that point clear to former environment minister Jeanne Sauve when application was made to hook up the institute to the Sidney sewer system. When the application was made to enlarge the sewer system at Sidney to accommodate the institute I made sure they wouldn't be unilaterally planning an industrial development in that area," he said.

Campbell said environment officials have insisted they do not have to go through the normal routines.

"They (government officials) are citizens... and they should act like citizens," he observed.

Priority Flu Shot List Set

The provincial government has established a new priority list on who will be offered available shots of flu vaccine, Dr. Allan Arnell regional health officer, said Wednesday.

But with only about 4,000 doses of the vaccine left locally, Arnell added he has no idea when another 15,000 promised the Capital district will arrive.

The new priority list has doctors and nurses at the top, followed by hospital staff, ambulance staff, people working in community care facilities such as rest homes, police and prison guards, firemen, B.C. Hydro employees and B.C. Telephone staff.

The province earlier ruled that people 65 and over and those 18 to 64 with chronic health problems which would be aggravated by catching the flu had first call on the vaccine.

A second series of local clinics is currently under way to immunize those wanting it in this group and Arnell said about one-third of the regional population qualifying have now had flu shots.

The flu vaccine is bivalent, meaning it protects against the Victoria strain as well as Swine flu.



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS was the order of the day Wednesday when destroyers HMCS Mackenzie, HMCS Yukon and HMCS Qu'Appelle returned from a training cruise in Hawaiian waters. Here, LS Terry Tanner is greeted by his wife, smiling son Jason and daughter Danielle. Relaxed regulations allow Tanner and his shipmates to doff uniforms for "civvies" to come ashore. (John McKay photo)

Library-Arts Centre Proposal Seeking Support from Councils

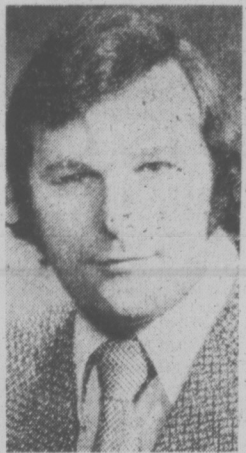
Greater Victoria municipal councils are being asked to consider financing support for a new central library combined with a performing arts centre in downtown Victoria, members of the Greater Victoria Library Board chairman confirmed today.

Chairman G.R. Hutchison said the board, at a closed meeting earlier this week, decided to enlist municipal support for the proposal presented by the library building committee.

But he stressed that the whole matter is highly tentative, and dismissed as speculation a news report that taxpayer approval for the venture might be sought in a referendum next November.

Hutchison said he has no idea where the reported cost estimate for the project — in excess of \$10 million — had originated. No figures have been discussed at the board meetings, he added.

Another board member, Saanich Ald. David Paterson, also expressed doubt that the present preliminary concept



PATERSON... time needed

could be processed and refined toward a referendum next November. "I'd be surprised if it did that fast," he said.

Paterson and Oak Bay representative Ald. Shirley Do-

well both said they are convinced that a new central library is badly needed, and that there are sound arguments in favor of combining it with a performing arts centre.

Dowell cited the Oak Bay recreation centre as an obvious example of the cost savings possible through combining two or more activities under the same roof.

She said she also believes that taxpayers would be more likely to support a combined facility than a new library alone, and that the dual-use principle would be better applied to a library-arts centre than a library-convention centre.

She noted one of the economic advantages would be that the arts aspect of the operation would be eligible for grants not available for library use, and vice versa.

Paterson said it was incorrect to portray the library itself as the "driving force" behind the move to build a combined facility. He suspects library director Donald Miller

would rather have simply a new library.

Furthermore, the time factor in planning and preparatory work could be critical, he pointed out.

The mooted arts centre would probably need about 2,500 seats, "which is getting very expensive," said Paterson. A delay of several years in sorting out financial problems would not be acceptable from the library's viewpoint, because "we desperately need a new library."

LOCAL SHIP MOVEMENTS

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
Camsell in refit, Quadra on Station Papa; Douglas, Racer and Vancouver in port; Ready in Sand Heads patrol area, Rider at Kitsilano.

NAVY
Terra Nova at sea, returning 8 a.m. Dec. 23; all other ships in port.

Bus Passes Continue For UVic

The experimental University of Victoria student bus pass system will be extended for the spring term.

Phil Esmonde, program coordinator, said B.C. Hydro and UVic are pleased with the system, which operated over the fall term.

The pass will be good for the 13 weeks from Jan. 10 to April 9.

Cost will be \$37 for those renewing their pass, and \$39 for new purchasers. (The extra \$2 reflects the picture identification and administrative costs).

Esmonde said 964 students purchased passes in September, and a survey of users showed about 100 students bought passes who would have ordinarily used their cars.

Passes may be purchased in the clubs room (across from the theatre) in the Student Union Building from Jan. 10 to Jan. 14.

But because a camera crew is available only on three of the days, new passes will be sold only on Jan. 11, 13 and 14. Renewals may be purchased on any of the five days.

Tourist Spokesman Calls for Action On Vanishing Rooms

By AL FORREST
Times Staff

Victoria will have to do something soon about its vanishing hotel and motel rooms or the tourist industry will suffer even in a bumper season, Visitors Information Centre president Al Frame said today.

"We are losing hotel and motel rooms every year, particularly in the Gorge area. I am very concerned about this trend. When we have a good tourist season we will have to say: Sorry, full up."

Victoria will have only 2,283 rooms available next year, down 154 from 1976. One year earlier there were 2,437.

Frame said he is disturbed more by the trend than by the numbers involved.

"We are losing four motels on the Gorge and I understand that three others are in trouble as well."

The four being demolished — or already demolished — to make way for apartments are:

- The San Sebastian with 37 rooms.
- Victoria Motor Court with 28 rooms.
- Prince Charles Motel with 42 rooms.

— Charles Dickens Motor Inn with 47 rooms.

Frame said the demolitions will leave the Gorge area with only 1,096 units in 1977, down from 1,250 this year and 1,284 in 1975.

"Hopefully we will have a good tourist season in 1977 and we may have to send visitors to Duncan or even as far away as Nanaimo as we have had to do in some previous years."

Empress Hotel manager Ted Balderson agreed with Frame that the city is losing hotel rooms, but the challenged his conclusions.

"The decline could be a good thing for Victoria because we have had a small surplus of rooms. We are losing some of the older rooms which are not as much in demand as are the new units."

"Even with the decline we should have enough rooms for most days in 1977. I can only remember about 15 days this year when he had to turn people away. And I can never remember having to send anyone further away than the Gorge."

Because of new lifestyles, including the proliferation of campers and the desire to spend the summer outdoors, there is no increase in the need for hotel rooms, despite population increases.

Frame replied that the city should prepare for a possible increase in the tourist flow next summer because of many factors, including the economic recovery in North America and a vigorous external promotion campaign being prepared by local tourist officials.

Ask the Times

Q. Would you be kind enough to tell me how to address a letter to Lawrence Welk? — H.T.

A. His address is 100 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif., 90401, U.S.A.

Q. Who is the announcer for Nabob's Assam tea commercials? Was he at one time an announcer for the CBC? — M.P.M.

A. He's Rex Loring who is a CBC announcer in Toronto.

Smashing Present

A picky smash-and-grab artist Christmas shopped with a rock late Wednesday.

Police said after heaving a rock through the window of Newton Agencies, 841 Fort, the thief took a \$125 rose quartz necklace.

Proprietor Lionel Tashjian said it appears the thief had specifically picked out the necklace, probably for a Christmas present.

The thief ignored other, more valuable items.

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Mediator Named in Firemen Dispute

Clark Gilmour has been appointed mediator in the dispute between Victoria and the city's firemen who have threatened to strike New Year's Day.

Labour Minister Allan Williams announced the appointment Wednesday after meeting with representatives of both sides.

Efforts are underway to arrange a meeting between the mediator and the parties.

Gilmour, is in Vancouver acting as a mediator in contract talks between the provincial government and the B.C. Government Employees Union.

Victoria firefighters voted 97 per cent last weekend to strike Jan. 1 if the city fails to pay the full amount granted in an arbitration award giving them parity with Vancouver firemen.

Victoria Mayor Mike Young

has said granting an interim amount already agreed on plus the matching rate bringing Victoria up to the level of Vancouver would be three per cent over the increase allowed under the anti-inflation guidelines.

Williams said he is confident Gilmour can solve the problem.

"I think it requires someone to go in and talk to both of the parties," he said.

Meanwhile, firemen are working to rule by refusing to wash the chief's and deputy chief's cars and calling a halt to painting jobs.

The work to rule does not affect the public in any way since emergency services are being maintained.

But the dispute has affected the amount of training given new recruits.

A spokesman for the firemen said three recruits have

not received training since the work to rule began a week ago. They are being used to wash and gas up the chief's and deputy chief's cars, he claimed.

Deputy Chief Carl Coates said the training "is going ahead but at a reduced rate."

He said it is true the trainees are washing cars but said they are also reviewing equipment, seeing where it is located and checking on its use.

SPREADING THE WORD around the neighborhood, whenever there are sites being considered for rezoning and development, will be signs like this: Under a new policy adopted by Victoria city council, developers will be required to post the signs on each site frontage, after the proposal has received preliminary approval from the Advisory Planning Commission but before it is submitted to a public hearing. Willow Smith works in the city engineer's department, where the signs are made.

